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Official Translation of Minister Iwakura's Credentials.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—The following is the official letter of credentials given by the Emperor of Japan to the Embassy, which was presented to-day.

OFFICIAL TRANSLATION.

Moutsoukito, Emperor of Japan, &c., to the President of the United States of America, our good brother and faithful friend, greeting:

Mr. PRESIDENT: Whereas since our accession by the blessing of heaven to the sacred throne on which our ancestors reigned from time immemorial, we have not dispatched any embassy to the Courts and Governments of friendly countries, we have thought fit to select our trusty and honored minister, SIONI TOMOMI IWAKURA, the Junior Prime Minister, as Ambassador Extraordinary, and have associated with him IUSSAMMI TAKAYOSHI KIO, member of the Privy Council; IUSSAMMI TOSSIMITSI OKUBO, Minister of Finance; IUSHIE HIROBUMI ITO, Acting Minister of Public Works, and IUSHIE MASSONHA YAMAJUTSI, Assistant Minister for Foreign Affairs, Associate Ambassadors Extraordinary, and invested them with full powers to proceed to the Government of the United States, as well as to other Governments, in order to declare our cordial friendship, and to place the peaceful relations between our respective nations on a firmer and broader basis. The period for revising the treaties now existing between ourselves and the United States is less than one year distant. We forget and intend to reform and improve the same so as to stand upon a similar footing with the most enlightened nations, and to attain the full development of public right and interest. The civilization and institutions of Japan are so different from those of other countries that we cannot expect to reach the desired end at once. It is our purpose to select from the various institutions prevailing among enlightened nations such as are best suited to our present condition, and adopt them in gradual reforms and improvements of our policy, and customs so as to be upon an equality with them. With this object we desire to fully disclose to the United States Government the condition of affairs in our Empire, and to consult upon the means of giving greater efficiency to our institutions at present and in the future, and as soon as the said Embassy returns home we will consider about the revision of the treaties and accomplish what we have expected and intended. The Ministers who compose this Embassy have our confidence and esteem. We request you to favor them with full credence and due regard, and we earnestly pray for your continued health and happiness, and for the peace and prosperity of your great Republic.

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hand and the great seal of our Empire, at our palace in the city of Tokio, this fourth of eleventh month, of fourth year of Meiji.

Your affectionate brother and friend,

[Signed,] MOUTSOUKITO.

[Countersigned,] JUICHII SANETONII SANGO, Prime Minister.

Official Reception by the President Yesterday—Speech of the Chief of the Embassy and Reply by President Grant—Purposes of the Japanese Government—Studying the Civilization of Western Nations.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 4.—At noon today the principal members of the Japanese Embassy, ten in number, were officially presented to the President of the United States. Some time before the hour for their reception, prominent officers of the Government, who had been invited to attend the ceremony, congregated in the East Room of the Executive Mansion. There were present here the members of the Committee of Foreign Relations of the two Houses of Congress; all the members of the Cabinet; Gens. Townsend, Barnes, Eaton, Humphreys, Alvord, Myers; Judge Holt and other Bureau officers of the War Department, in full uniform; Commodores Case and Reynolds; Paymaster-General Dunn; Surgeon-General Faltz; Chief-Engineer King; Naval-Constructor Hanscom, and other naval officers having charge of bureaus, also in full uniform. The different Executive Departments were all represented by the heads of all their bureaus and prominent divisions, the gentlemen present being in full dress. Vice-President COLFAX and Speaker BLAINE and Minister DE LONG were also present. Soon after 12 o'clock the members of the Embassy, accompanied by Charge d'Affaires MORI, arrived at the Executive Mansion. They were in complete Court costume, which consisted of purple underskirts and rich black silk overskirts reaching to the knee, finely decorated. There were some variations in the costumes according to rank, the difference being more particularly noticeable in the style of hats worn by the officials. Each carried heavy swords. They entered the White House according to their rank, and were met by Secretary FISH in the Red Room, where, after salutations were exchanged, they were escorted into the East Room and the official ceremony of presenting their credentials immediately commenced.

IWAKAURA, Chief of the Embassy, thus addressed the President:

His Majesty, the Emperor of Japan, our august Sovereign, has sought, since the achievement of our national reconstruction, to attain a more perfect organization in the administrative power of his Government. He has studied with interest the results attained by Western nations. Having a sincere desire to establish permanent and friendly relations with foreign Powers on a still closer footing, he has commissioned us as Ambassadors Extraordinary to all Powers having treaties with Japan. Upon the soil of your country we first present our credentials, delivering to you personally the letter of our august Sovereign at this public official audience. The objects of the mission with which we are charged by our Government are somewhat set forth in this letter. We are authorized to consult with your Government on all international questions, directing our efforts to promote and develop the commercial relations, and draw into closer bonds the strong friendship already existing between our respective people. Thus we hope to gain fresh impulse in the paths of progress, gaining good from every form of civilization. Thus we shall aim to do while in the exercise of strict integrity to our own national interests so trustingly confided by a generous Sovereign, and shall earnestly hope to receive your kind co-operation in facilitating the task assigned us by our Government. We gladly avail of this happy meeting to convey personally to your Excellency our sincere wishes for your continued prosperity and happiness, and as national representatives we extend the same wish to all the people of the United States.

The President then responded:

GENTLEMEN: I am gratified that this country and that my Administration will be distinguished in history as the first which has received an embassy from the nation with which the United States were the first to establish diplomatic and commercial intercourse. The objects which you say have given rise to your mission do honor to the intelligence and wisdom of your Sovereign, and reflect credit on you in having been chosen as the instruments for carrying them into effect. The time must be regarded as gone never to return, when any nation can keep apart from all others and expect to enjoy the prosperity and happiness which depend more or less upon the mutual adoption of improvements, not only in the science of government, but in those other sciences and arts which contribute to the dignity of mankind, and to national wealth and power. Though Japan is one of the most ancient of organized communities, and the United States rank among the most recent, we flatter ourselves that we have made some improvements upon the political institutions of the nations from whom we are descended. Our experience leads us to believe that the wealth, the power and the happiness of a people are advanced by their encouragement of trade and commercial intercourse with other Powers; by the elevation and dignity of labor; by the practical adaptation of science to the manufactures and the arts; by increased facilities of frequent and rapid communication between different parts of the country; by the encouragement of emigration, which brings with it the varied habits and diverse genius and industry of other lands; by a free Press; by freedom of thought and of conscience and a liberal toleration in matters of religion, not only to citizens but to all foreigners resident among us. It will be a pleasure to us to enter upon that consultation upon international questions, in which you say you are authorized to engage. The improvement of the commercial relations between our respective countries is important and desirable, and cannot fail to strengthen the bonds which unite us. I will heartily co-operate in so desirable an object. Your kind wishes for me personally, gentlemen, are cordially reciprocated. I trust that your abode with us may be agreeable to you, and may contribute to a more intimate acquaintance and intercourse between our respective peoples.

The utmost interest was manifested by the large company present in these exercises. The address of the Japanese Ambassador was delivered in a peculiarly musical tone of voice. At the conclusion of these ceremonies a formal introduction was given to all the officials present; those representing the several departments being presented in groups to the strangers. There was no hand-shaking, the formalities extending simply to stately bowing. After the Cabinet officers and the Committees on Foreign Affairs, the army and navy officers, and then officers of the different departments were introduced, all advancing to meet the Japanese who were standing in the middle of the East Room. At the conclusion of these courtesies the members of the Embassy were escorted into the Blue Room to be introduced to the ladies of the Executive Mansion, and of the Cabinet officers' families, together with others who had been invited to be present.

President GRANT, with IWAKAURA on his arm, led the way, followed by the Cabinet officers escorting the other members of the Embassy. Some time was passed in the Blue Room in the exchange of social courtesies, an interpreter being present to assist in the conversation. The novelty of the occasion drew a very large crowd to the Executive Mansion, but there were no persons admitted excepting the Government officials and members of the Press. It is probable that the Japanese having now opened their diplomatic business will immediately devote the greater portion of their time to its progress. A programme of entertainments has not yet been suggested by Gen. MYER, who has their comfort in charge, and in that matter the wishes of the Ambassadors will be consulted.

Interchange of Social Courtesies by the Embassy and Prominent Public Men.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—At 3 P. M. the principal Embassadors held a reception at their hotel lasting one hour. Their parlors were handsomely decorated with United States and Japanese flags, evergreens, wreaths and exotic flowers in great profusion. The visitors consisted of members of nearly all the foreign legation, Vice-President COLFAX and Speaker BLAINE, all the Cabinet officers, several distinguished Senators and members, and many leading officials, who were introduced by Mr. MORI, Japanese Charge d'Affaires here, and the hour devoted to the purpose went pleasantly off on all sides. The Embassy have accepted the invitation of Speaker BLAINE to pay a visit to the House of Representatives, and have named Wednesday at 11 A. M. for that purpose. They will be received on the floor, recess will be called, and the Embassadors introduced to the members.

Mr. JAMES BROOKS, of New-York, this evening, gave a reception to the Japanese Embassadors, namely, IWAKURA, KIDO, OKUBO, ITO and YAMAGUCKI, attended by Charge d'Affaires MORI and several of their secretaries. Among the invited guests present were all the members of the Cabinet, Speaker BLAINE, Gen. BANKS, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs; Mr. DAWES, Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means, and a large number of Representatives in Congress, together with many others.

GENERAL WASHINGTON NEWS.

Business in the Senate—Status of the Arms Investigation—Pushing the Appropriation Bills in the House—New-Orleans Report.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—The Senate did almost nothing today. Some time was consumed by the effort of Mr. TRUMBULL to have the Chicago Relief bill taken up. Mr. COLE succeeded in keeping his Appropriation bill in its place, though but little progress was made on it before Mr. RICE moved to go into executive session, which was agreed to.

THE ARKANSAS APPOINTMENTS.

It is said that in the executive session the Arkansas appointments, about which there is a quarrel between the two Senators, RICE and CLAYTON, from that State, was the subject under discussion. Neither Senator has any charge to make against the President, and so there was not interest enough to retain as auditors to the debate even the Senators who would have to vote on the confirmations. No action was reached.

THE ARMS INVESTIGATION.

No action has yet been taken by the Senate in reference to the appointment of the Committee to investigate the arms sale. The debate had so little effect that the interest in the subject is dying out already. The House Committee, however, meets to-morrow and will proceed with the investigation.

BUSINESS IN THE HOUSE.

As usual, a flood of bills consumed the morning hour in the House, and the Civil Rights bill did not even gets its head above the surface. Gen. GARFIELD, who pushes appropriation bills under any and all circumstances, cut off the usual legislative verbiage, which is rushed through on Monday under suspension of the rules, by urging the House into Committee of the Whole on the Deficiency bill. If the day was duller than usual, it was more profitable than Mondays are apt to be. The Deficiency bill was nearly finished before the Committee rose. The debate gained spice from Mr. COX's attack on the "horse marines." Mr. MYERS, assisted by Messrs. HOAR and BEATTY, succeeded in attaching an appropriation of $15,000 for the publication of the *Patent-office Gazette*, with reduced plates. The opinion was very freely expressed that this *Gazette* will be a valuable substitute for the cumbersome report.

COMMODORE WILKES' REPORT.

The Joint Library Committee met today but took no action regarding the copyright. Commodore WILKES appeared before the Committee and urged an appropriation to finish the publication of his report, several volumes of which are still in manuscript. The Committee requested him to make an arrangement for publishing the remainder of the report at his expense and sell a certain number of copies to Congress at a certain rate.

THE NEW-ORLEANS INVESTIGATION.

The evidence taken by the New-Orleans Investigating Committee has just gone into the hands of the printer. It will make a good-sized volume, and the report will necessarily be delayed for some time yet. There is no ground for the report that there will be three reports, beyond a difference of opinion on minor points between Judge SMITH and Messrs. SCOFIELD and MCCRARY. Those points will not necessarily form any part of the report.

CONGRESSIONAL PROCEEDINGS.

SENATE....WASHINGTON, Monday, March 4.

A House bill to provide for the payment of a Chief Medical Purveyor in the Army was passed. Memorials against putting the name of God into the Constitution; in favor of a ship canal around Niagara Falls, was read, and one against an international copyright law.

THE DUTY ON TEAS.

Mr. CHANDLER presented a remonstrance of grocers of Michigan against a sudden repeal of the duty on tea and coffee, and asked the Chairman of the Committee on Finance (Mr. SHERMAN) to repeat what he said on that subject last week.

Mr. SHERMAN repeated that it was the intention of the Finance Committee that whatever change should be made on the tariff in relation to those articles would not take effect upon the 1st of July.

Mr. MORRILL presented a petition setting forth the injurious results of the uncertainty now existing as to the repeal of the duty on teas and coffee, and expressed a hope that the subject would soon be considered by the Senate.

Mr. SHERMAN reminded him that it was already set down for Monday, March 11, and said he intended to press it at that time.

THE OLD POST-OFFICE IN NEW-YORK.

Mr. CONKLING presented a memorial of the New-York Chamber of Commerce, asking that they may be permitted to purchase the site of the present Post-office in New-York at the price which the Government paid for it, and argued that such a disposition of the property would be equitable, the citizens of New-York having contributed to the purchase of it originally for the Government, and the use of it since having more than covered the interest of the original outlay.

BILLS PASSED.

Mr. POMEROY reported a bill to create an additional land district in Nevada, and it was passed.

Mr. MORRILL, of Vermont, reported a resolution directing the Secretary of the Treasury to ascertain on what terms sites for public buildings can be obtained in Harrisburg, Penn., and Sacremento, Cal. Passed.

An act creating an additional land district in Minnesota, was passed.

Mr. SHERMAN called up the House bill authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to purchase a site for United States public buildings in Cincinnati, and it was passed.

A GROUP OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

Mr. MORRILL, of Vermont, from the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, reported with amendments the bill providing for the erection of Government buildings at Utica, N. Y., Raleigh, N. C., and Little Rock, Ark., appropriating for the first, $200,000, for the others, $100,000 each.

THE LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS.

The Senate then took up the unfinished business; the Legislative Appropriation bill. Mr. TRUMBULL moved to postpone it and take up the Chicago Relief bill. Lost. After some time spent in considering the Appropriation bill, the Senate at 2:35, on motion of Mr. RICE, went into Executive session, and at 4 P. M. adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Under the call of State's bills were introduced and referred among others: For the sale of the Brooklyn Naval Hospital and lands; relative to the retirement of army officers; to permit the importation free of duty of uniforms for the Seventy-ninth Highlanders of New-York, not to exceed 1,000 in number; for fish-breeding establishments; repealing all acts authorizing seizures of books and papers by revenue officers; to regulate and facilitate the payment of duties on imported merchandise; for the restoration of Commander DUPONT to the active list of the navy; appropriating $25,000 for damages by destruction of the Lexington Court-house, North Carolina, while occupied by the Federal forces.

THE STEAM-BOAT LAW.

Mr. NEGLEY, from the Committee on Commerce, reported a bill to amend the Steam-boat law, which was ordered to be printed and recommitted.

NEVADA COLLEGE LANDS.

On motion of Mr. KENDALL, the Senate bill to continue in force a grant to the State of Nevada for College purposes, was taken from the Speaker's table and passed.

LIFE SAVING ON BLOCK ISLAND.

Mr. STARKWEATHER presented a petition for a life-boat station on block Island.

SALT.

Mr. DUELL presented a petition of the business men of Chicago against the reduction of duties on foreign salt.

THE DEFICIENCY BILL.

The House at 2:20 o'clock went into Committee of the Whole on the Deficiency Appropriation bill, Mr. STEVENSON in the Chair. After discussion and without concluding, the Committee rose, and the House, at 4½ o'clock, adjourned.

MAINE.

Municipal Elections Yesterday—Republican Success Everywhere—Gain of a Mayor in Lewiston.

PORTLAND, Me., March 4.—At the charter election today, BENJAMIN KINGSBURY, Jr., was re-elected Mayor, the vote standing KINGSBURY, (Rep.) 2,032; CLEAVES, (Dem.,) 1,648; MORGAN, (Citizen ticket,) 313; scattering, 12; against, last year, Republican, 2,317; Democrat, 1,932; scattering, 48. At Saco, EDWARD P. BARKLOW, (Rep.,) was elected Mayor by 383 majority. At Bath, JAMES D. ROBINSON, (Rep.,) was re-elected by 57 majority.

LEWISTON, Me., March 4.—Lewiston today elected DAVID COWAN, (Rep.,) for Mayor, by 528 majority, over J. GILL, (Dem.) Last year GARCELON, (Dem.,) had 58 majority. KNOWLTON, (Rep.,) was elected Municipal Judge. The Board of Aldermen are unanimously Republican. The Common Council stands 18 Republicans, 2 Democrats and one vacancy.

Auburn today elected THOMAS LITTLEFIELD, (Rep.,) Mayor by 187 majority over WOODMES, (Labor Reform and Dem.) The city government is unanimously Republican, except in one ward, in which there is no choice.

Alexis in Cuba.

HAVANA, March 4.—Col. ZULUETA, of the Volunteers, entertained the Grand Duke ALEXIS and suite, and some Consuls, yesterday, at a luncheon. A ball was given last night by the Aldermen of the city, at which there was a large attendance.

The Grand Duke visited Matanzas today, and was received with enthusiasm. He returns to Havana tomorrow.

Captain-General VALMASEDA goes into the interior in a few days.

Probable Wife Murder in Buffalo.

BUFFALO, N. Y., March 4.—About 1 o'clock this morning two men entered a tenement-house, one square distant from the Police headquarters, and found PATRICK MARKHAM lying on the hall floor, drunk and unconscious, with a bottle of whisky in his pocket. They roused MARKHAM, and carried him into his room, where they found the body of his murdered wife on a lounge. She had evidently been beaten to death with a chair. An investigation disclosed the fact that the woman had been dead since Friday last.

Gov. Palmer Not in the Market.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 4.—A special dispatch from Springfield, Ill., to the *Democrat*, says that the *State Journal*, in a leading editorial this morning, asserts that Gov. PALMER has refused the overtures made to him by the Gratz Brown Republicans and "passive policy" Democrats to accept a nomination for the Presidency from the Cincinnati Convention; and also states that the Governor is now and has always been a warm personal friend of President GRANT, and supporter of his Administration, and that he intends to continue so.

The Condition of Officer Tully.

The public will doubtless be glad to learn that Patrolman BERNARD TULLY, of the Nineteenth Precinct, who, on Sunday, Feb. 25, was so brutally beaten while in the performance of his duty, is now in a fair way of recovery. The physician in attendance at St. Luke's Hospital, where TULLY now lies, expressed last night the strongest hopes of his recovery. The only injury received by the patient is a severe fracture of the frontal bone, which has caused no mental derangement. The physician states that TULLY's appetite is excellent, and his spirits good. He wants for nothing, of course, and is attended daily by his wife. His fellow-officers of the Nineteenth Precinct and the inhabitants of the neighborhood express the liveliest sympathy in his condition, as he has long been a faithful and respected officer. It is expected that within a fortnight TULLY will resume his duties, and this will be a source of congratulation both to himself and the inhabitants of the district. Patrolman LAMBRECHT, who was also severely beaten on the same night, is likewise in a fair way of recovery, though his injuries are of a more serious character.

The Ward Trial at Camden—A Protest from the Jury.

At the conclusion of the third trial of JOSIAH WARD, at Camden, for the murder of JOHN WADEY two years ago, Judge WOODHULL charged the jury to bring in a verdict of acquittal. This charge was not approved by a number of the jurymen, and eleven of the twelve have signed the following card:

To the Citizens of New-Jersey:

We, the jury in the case of JOSIAH WARD, tried for the murder of JOHN WADEY, in Camden County, do most earnestly protest against the invasion of our rights, (as citizens and jurors, sworn to try the case by law and evidence,) by Judge WOODHULL, who would not willingly allow us to retire to deliberate upon a verdict after weeks of attention to a trial, and even rudely repelled the desire of the jurymen to speak to him concerning the case when they conscientiously deemed deliberation necessary. Is this right? Is it just? Is it not a direct stab to our liberties, and a grave attempt to overturn the right of trial by jury, which we have been taught to think and believe one of our greatest privileges?

Seventh Assembly District German Reform Association—The New Charter.

A meeting of the Seventh Assembly District German Reform Association was held last evening, Dr. SCHEILLING presiding. A discussion arose regarding the organization of Senatorial District Associations to secure the election of Reform Aldermen next May, in the event of the charter now before the Legislature passing the Senate and receiving the Governor's signature. After considerable discussion, it was decided to leave the matter to the delegates to the Reform Central Organization. The charter was favorably commented upon, and some of the good results which would spring from it pointed out, especially the abolition of the corrupt Boards of Commissioners and the appointment of honest men to perform the work now done by them.

Personal.

WENDELL PHILLIPS is at the St. Denis Hotel. Hon. Z. C. LODD, of Saratoga, and JAMES MORGAN, Esq., of Syracuse, are at the Sturtevant House. Judge T. T. BURTIS, of Chicago, and Col. SAMUEL B. PAUL, of Richmond, are at the Grand Central Hotel. Gen. E. W. RICE, of Iowa, and G. H. GIDDINGS, of Texas, are at the Metropolitan Hotel. C. E. BROWN SEQUARD and son, of Paris, are at the St. James Hotel. Col. F. J. DRUIN, of Havana, and Dr. N. J. MAGRUDER, of the United States Navy, are at the New-York Hotel. Judge T. W. BARTLEY, of Washington, D. C.; Hon. W. T. CLARK, M. C., of Texas, and Hon. H. H. HATHORN, of Saratoga Springs, are at the St. Nicholas Hotel. Ex-Gov. R. J. OGLESBY, of Illinois, is at the Fifth-Avenue Hotel.

THE STATE CAPITAL.

A Hearing on the Charter not to be had till Wednesday—The Erie Bills—Positions of the Members of the Assembly—Railroad Committee.

From Our Special Correspondent.

ALBANY, Monday, March 4, 1872.

But few member are in town today, and it is doubtful if there would be a quorum at the session of the Assembly this evening. The Senate having adjourned till to-morrow evening, the hearing on the charter will not take place till Wednesday afternoon.

THE ERIE BILL.

The 10½ train from New-York, this morning, brought up a dozen or more Assemblymen, among whom were three members of the Assembly Railroad Committee. This Committee is to have an executive session to-morrow morning, when the final vote will be taken on the Erie Repeal bills. An informal vote was had in the Committee at their last meeting, Friday evening, which indicated that a majority were opposed to the bill last introduced by Mr. O'BRIEN in the Senate, and subsequently by Mr. EASTMAN in the House. This bill, as is generally known, not only repeals the Erie Classification act of 1869, but provides for a new election of directors in such a way as to give a fair expression of the wishes of the bona fide stockholders of the road. Unless it or something similar to it is adopted, the bare repeal of the Classification act would be of little use in ousting the Gould gang from their places. It is said that only four out of the nine members of the Committee were willing on Friday to report this bill. They were Messrs. WHITE (Chairman) of Brooklyn, WHITBECK of New-York, GREENHALGH of Schenectady, and LEWIS of Delhi. The members who opposed reporting the bill were SMYTHE of Owego, (editor of the Owego *Times*,) G. W. L. SMITH of Washington County, CHAMBERS of Buffalo, A. HILL of Green County, and BURNS of Syracuse. Three members of the Committee, namely, SMYTHE, LEWIS and CHAMBERS, live on the line of the Erie Railroad. Mr. SMYTHE has the reputation of being a high-toned and upright man, but he says he was elected on the issue of Erie *vs.* Erie, and that he cannot vote for the O'Brien bill without offending nine-tenths of his constituents. What influences actuate the other four members who oppose the bill is left to conjecture. But unless there is a change before the final meeting of the Committee to-morrow morning, the O'Brien bill will not be reported. All the members of the Committee, however, are willing to report the bill introduced a week ago by Mr. HUSTED, which simply repeals the Classification act, and in case a majority will not agree to the other, this bill will be reported by the Committee to-morrow morning. It is proper that some explanation should here be made of this bill of HUSTED's, and the reasons for its introduction. Mr. HUSTED informs me that it was introduced as the result of a conference held by the Speaker, Mr. ALVORD, Mr. FOOT and Mr. HUSTED. Its object was simply and solely to get a report of some kind from the Committee. It had become evident to the opponents of the Erie swindle, more than a week ago, that a majority of the Assembly Railroad Committee could not be induced to report the O'Brien bill. It was therefore deemed best, and was so decided in the conference above alluded to, to introduce a simple repeal bill that the Committee would report, and thus get the question before the House in Committee of the Whole. When it shall come up in committee the intention is to offer amendments to it which shall provide for a new election of directors, and thus get a square vote on the Erie question, after a full discussion of its merits. It is believed by those well capable of judging that the bill as thus amended will pass the Assembly by a good majority, notwithstanding GOULD and his army of lobbyists have been raising heaven and earth to prevent such a catastrophe.

Evening Session of the Assembly—Sink the Harlem Track—Latest Aspect of Erie Classification.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

ALBANY, March 4.—The Assembly held a three-hours' session this evening, with about fifty members in attendance. A large number of bills of minor importance were considered in the Committee of the Whole, and several new bills were introduced. Among the latter was one by Mr. WHITBECK, relating to the Harlem Railroad and Fourth-avenue. It provides in substance as follows:

Section 1 requires and directs the Railroad Company to excavate and depress their tracks 18 feet, from Forty-second to One Hundred and Second-street, and to arch over and cover the same.

Section 2 provides that the track shall be elevated above One Hundred and Second-street on a foundation or causeway, and not less than 18 feet above the grade of the streets.

Section 3 requires tunnels to be built at each street under the tracks and through the causeway where the streets intersect the Fourth-avenue above One Hundred and Second-street, and of not less a width than that of the one under One Hundred and Tenth-street.

Section 4 requires all work in and about the construction and modification of the way and tracks to be done in a substantial manner, and under the supervision of Commissioners.

Section 5—The cost and expense of the work to be paid for, one-half by the Company and one-half by the City. The Company, on the Deficiency bill, if the day was duller than usual, it was more profitable than Mondays are apt to be. The Deficiency bill was nearly finished before the Committee rose. The debate gained spice from Mr. COX's attack on the "horse marines." Mr. MYERS, assisted by Messrs. HOAR and BEATTY, succeeded in attaching an appropriation of $15,000 for the publication of the *Patent-office Gazette*, with reduced plates. The opinion was very freely expressed that this *Gazette* will be a valuable substitute for the cumbersome report.

Section 6 names Charles Crary, Hooper C. Van Voorst, Alfred W. Craven, John H. Morris, and Geo. W. Glass as commissioners who are to superintend the changes and modifications that are to be made.

Section 7 requires that work shall be commenced by the 1st of June, and that all the work and changes are to be completed within two years from the passage of this act.

Section 8 provides for the payment and the disbursement of the Commission.

Section 9 requires each Commissioner to take an oath before entering on the discharge of his duties that he will faithfully perform his duties.

Section 10 directs the railroad company to regulate the grade, and put in good order the Fourth-avenue as soon as practicable and as directed by the Commissioners.

Section 11 provides for a penalty in case the Company shall neglect or refuse to comply with the provisions of this act.

Section 12 makes provision for filling vacancies on the Commission if any should occur during the progress of the work.

Section 13 provides that nothing in this act shall be construed as interfering with the powers of the Common Council.

Section 14—The Legislature may at any time amend or repeal this act.

The Railroad Committee will give a hearing on the subject on Thursday.

THE ALLEGED NEW CAPITOL FRAUDS.

The report of the Committee on the charges against the Commission and Superintendent of the Capitol came up in the Assembly, and at the request of Mr. JACOBS, was postponed until Wednesday next, at 12 o'clock, owing to the thin attendance of members.

CANDIDATES FOR THE FREE COLLEGE.

Col. HAWKINS introduced a bill permitting pupils from private schools in New-York to compete for admission to the Free College.

ERIE.

To-morrow being general order day, the Railroad Committee will not be able to make their report on Erie, except by unanimous consent, which is not likely to be obtained. It is reported that a change is likely to take place in the informal vote of Friday by which the O'Brien bill for the repeal of the Classification act and the ordering of a new election will get five votes and thus insure its favorable report. The Erie lobbyists are expected to return in full force to-morrow. JAY GOULD's attorney, SHEARMAN, arrived to-night by the 6 P. M. train from New-York as the advance guard.

Another Chapter in the Louisiana Complications.

NEW-ORLEANS, March 4.—Mr. VAN NORTER, President of the Savings Bank, was sentenced today by Judge COOLEY to the Parish prison for ten days, for refusing to produce in Court a certain bank box deposited with him Jan. 19, by M. A. SOUTHWORTH and Senator LEWIS, containing $30,000, and an agreement that Senator LEWIS should sustain PINCHBACK and WARMOTH's Administration, and attend regularly the session of the Legislature each day, the said box to be delivered to LEWIS, March 4, upon complying with certain conditions. VAN NORTER was immediately pardoned by Gov. WARMOUTH, and liberated. During the investigation it transpired that SOUTHWORTH compounded with VAN NORTER about a month ago and removed the money from the box, and when finally brought into Court this morning it contained nothing but the agreement above referred to. A full statement of this case will probably be sent to the Congressional Investigating Committee.

BY MAIL AND TELEGRAPH.

A large cotton-mill is to be speedily erected in Richmond, Va.

The Boston *Globe*, a new daily paper, appeared yesterday.

WILLIAM M. TWEED, Jr., was reported in St. Louis on Saturday morning last.

The contract system in the Ohio prisons excites the ire of the trades unions.

The Union Pacific Railroad is still blockaded between Cheyenne and Rawlins.

The shoe factory of E. S. SOUTHWICK, in Charlton, Mass., was burned yesterday. Loss, $18,000.

The Mississippi River at Fort Madison, Iowa, opened on Sunday, and navigation is resumed.

Mr. ABRAM B. HALL, one of the oldest and most respected citizens of Geneva, N. Y., died there yesterday afternoon.

JOSEPHUS BALDWIN, the first Mayor of Nashua, N. H., under the city charter, died yesterday, aged sixty-eight years.

General LADMIRAULT will not resign the Governorship of Paris, although the *Rappel* has been allowed to reappear.

New-Orleans now has four political parties—the Grant Republicans, the Warmoth Party, the Democrats, and the People's Party.

The Black Hill Exploring and Mining Association, with a capital of $100,000, was organized in Sioux City, Iowa, on Saturday last.

JOHN BUCKMAN shot WILLIAM SUBLETTE fatally in a drunken affray at Red Bluff, California, on Sunday.

Hon. WILLIAM SHEETS, an old resident and prominent citizen of Indianapolis, died yesterday.

The British expedition against the Looshais having accomplished its object, peace will soon be proclaimed.

Père HYACINTHE delivered an address at a Protestant meeting in Rome last night on the diffusion of the Bible.

The New-Orleans Volunteer Fire Department celebrated their thirty-eight anniversary with a procession yesterday.

Judge PRIMM, of the St. Louis Criminal Court, yesterday appeared on the bench in a black gown.

TAD LINCOLN'S last words to his mother, as she left his room in a paroxysm of grief, were: "Don't shut the door between us, mother."

The health authorities of Rondout have sued a prominent physician of that place, who neglected to notify them of a case of small-pox coming to his notice.

The people of Wisconsin, at their next general election, are to decide whether they will increase the number of Justices of their Supreme Court from three to five.

DANIEL NASON, formerly Superintendent of the Boston and Providence Railroad, and EZRA FORRISTALL, late Superintendent of Health in Boston, died yesterday.

Count VON ARMIN, the German Embassador to France, has been ordered home to give his opinion on the stability of the present Government of France.

The jury in the Tichborne case, in England, say they have heard sufficient evidence whereon to base a verdict, and an adjournment has been taken until Wednesday.

The sixty-fifth annual commencement of the School of Medicine of the University of Maryland, was held yesterday in Ford's Opera House, Baltimore. Fifty-five graduated.

The steam-ship *Alaska*, which left Panama, Feb. 13, for San Francisco, has not yet been heard from. The steam-ship *China* sails in her place for Panama today.

The *Sclavonic World* of Prague says the Prince of SERVIA is about to marry a Russian princess; and it thereupon predicts the driving of the Turks from Europe.

Missouri papers announce the death of Judge JAMES T. V. THOMPSON, who has thrice been Presidential elector, and sat in every Democratic State Nominating Convention from 1828 to 1861.

Major F. E. HUNT will, on the 15th inst., relieve Lieut.-Col. C. H. FRY as Chief Pay-master in the Department of Missouri; and Col. FRY will relieve Major WOODS as Chief Pay-master of the Military Division of the Pacific.

The large comb factory of the Union Comb Company, at Leominster Centre, Mass., employing nearly 150 hands, was totally destroyed by fire on Saturday night. Loss $100,000, and insurance about $35,000.

The Apaches are making numerous attacks on trains in Central Arizona and have run large quantities of stock from the Hassiyampi Valley. Several of the Indians have been killed while on these raids.

FRANK ANDERSON was arrested at Portland, Oregon, on Sunday, for the murder of JAMES QUIGLEY at Sacramento. ANDERSON's friends made an attempt to rescue him from jail, but failed, and the ringleader was arrested.

Mrs. ISABELLA BEECHER HOOKER, and other women of Hartford, propose to make application to the registrars of elections for registry preparatory to making an attempt to vote at the coming election.

Mrs. A. B. DOWNES, of Hartford, Conn., was arrested yesterday, charged with arson in firing the Sigourney House. She gave bonds in the sum of $3,000 for her appearance at the Police Court on Monday of next week.

Upon receipt of the news of the Chicago fire at Singapore, British India, a subscription was raised, resulting in a contribution of upward of $2,000 in gold. This is probably the most distant contribution to that fund.

Ex-President ROYE, of Liberia, who had escaped from imprisonment, was drowned in the harbor of Monrovia while endeavoring to swim to the steamer just before its departure for Liverpool.

In the Cincinnati Common Pleas Court, yesterday, Judge COX granted a perpetual injunction against redistricting the city into wards by the Commission appointed under the Scniff bill by the Supreme Court.

The whole of Stewart's Block, on Rideau-street, Ottawa, was burned on Saturday night. The insurance companies lose as follows: Phœnix, $7,000; Hartford, $4,000; Queen, $3,000; Lancashire, $2,000; North British, $3,000; Western, $8,000; Ætna, $2,000.

A meeting was yesterday held at the Merchants' Exchange, St. Louis, in the interest of the annual National Saengerfest, which will be held there in June next. A liberal subscription has been made to construct an immense building in which to hold the concerts.

It is eleven miles further from Wheeling to Charleston, West Virginia, under Democratic rule than it used to be from Charleston to Wheeling under Republican rule. At least the Democratic members of the Legislature now claim mileage for that additional distance.

A German woman, whose husband died in Indianapolis about a year ago, leaving his property mortgaged to the utmost extent, has managed his business so skillfully that she has released it all, and is now in possession of an income of $2,000.

The funeral of Dr. THOS. R. CROSBY, Professor of Animal and Vegetable Physiology in the New-Hampshire College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, who died suddenly on Friday morning, took place in the College Church at Hanover, on Sunday.

The New-Jersey M. E. Conference spent the whole afternoon, yesterday, in discussing the resolution offered in the Conference to appropriate $20,000 to the Garland Seminary. The Conference adjourned without a vote. The morning was occupied with financial reports.

Ex-Senator THAYER, of Nebraska, and O. J. AVERELL, of New-York, Commissioners appointed by the Secretary of the Interior to examine the Cairo and Fulton Railroad in Arkansas, passed through St. Louis yesterday en route for Washington. They report favorably on the work so far as done.

Judge ERSKINE, of the United States Court, has discharged a man recently arrested in Georgia for selling, without a license, a stove made in Kentucky. He held that the section of the code of Georgia which discriminates against citizens of other States in favor of citizens of Georgia is unconstitutional and invalid.

Mr. A. B. CAPRON has collected in Chicago for shipment to Japan, for the experimental farm at Yesso, a number of trotting stallions, carriage horses, brood mares, farm horses, cows, bulls, hogs, and sheep, all of the highest breeding, and a lot of agricultural implements and machinery.

California produced 6,000,000 gallons of wine and 200,000 gallons of brandy in 1871. The total area in vineyard is about 40,000 acres, and the gross yield to the vineyardists is estimated at $2,700,000. The price of the wine and brandy to consumers out of the State is three times as much as the vineyardists receive.

ANDREW J. JOHNSON, late President of the Western Railroad, convicted with fraudulent use of the bonds of the company, and tried before the Superior Court of Moore County, Del., last week, was convicted and sentenced to pay a fine of $10,000 with one year imprisonment in the Penitentiary. He takes an appeal to the Supreme Court.

The Supreme Court of the United States has ordered that no motion requiring argument shall be heard on the 8th inst until the return of the Secretary of the Treasury to the writ of alternative mandamus is argued, and at the close of business on that day the Court will adjourn until Monday, the 18th inst.

At a meeting of the citizens of Binghamton, called by the Common Council on Saturday night, it was resolved that the Erie Classification act ought not to be repealed, and that all action to the union of the two great trunk lines of the State under one management ought to be resisted.

Representatives in behalf of twenty-eight woolen manufacturing corporations and individuals, of New-England and New-York, appeared before the Committee on Ways and Means praying for a reduction of duty on all manufactured woolen goods to thirty per cent. *ad valorem*, and the removal of all duties upon wool.

FIRE IN PHILADELPHIA.

The Jayne Building on Chestnut-Street Afire—No Hope of Saving the Block.

PHILADELPHIA, March 4.—Dr. JAYNE'S granite building on Chestnut-street, below Third-street

HARBOR ABUSES.

Investigation Yesterday Before the Legislative Subcommittee on Commerce.

Protests of Merchants Against the Pilot Law—Corruption and Extortion of Harbor-Masters — The Towage Swindle Exposed.

The Legislative Subcommittee on Commerce and Navigation, consisting of Hon. DAVID W. JUDD, Chairman, and Messrs. GEIB, BENNETT and CAMPBELL, met in the rooms of the Ship-owners' Association yesterday, to investigate the actions of the Pilot Commissioners and the Harbor-masters. Mr. JUDD stated that the Committee had no specific charges to investigate, and that it was rather an inquiry on which to base legislation.

TESTIMONY OF JOHN MAGINN.

The first witness called was JOHN MAGINN, pilot, who said that he considered he had been the subject of persecution from the Pilot Commissioners. His specific complaint was that he had been licensed by the State before the Act of 1853, under which the Pilot Commissioners came into existence. They ordered him to take out a new license, which he refused to do, and to send out his boat for certain services, which he refused to do also. He was suspended, and after some litigation consented to take out a license under the Commissioners. In 1860, a by-law was made by these Commissioners, that no pilot should take out a vessel which he had not brought in. This Mr. MAGINN considered unjust, and refused to comply, for which he was again suspended, and his license taken from him; he continued his avocation in despite of this, and suit was brought against him, which resulted in his yielding to pressure, and paying fines and penalties to the amount of $860; upon this he obtained his license; Mr. MAGINN made some further complaints, and said that from 1865 he had been prevented from exercising his profession generally as a pilot; he had, however, a license from the United States to pilot steam-boats, and he had been obliged to restrict himself to this; witness said there were 198 pilots in New-York; he did not consider a Board of Pilot Commissioners necessary, and he thought they were generally tyrannical, and he knew licenses had been granted through favoritism.

By Mr. COOK—Have you ever been fined for doing your duty under your license, and action threatened against merchants for employing you? A.—Yes; on many occasions.

TESTIMONY OF MR. BELLOWS.

Mr. F. W. G. BELLOWS, Vice-President of the Pacific Steam-ship Line, testified that he complained of the Pilot Commissioners for fining the Company for using pilots in infraction of the twenty-eighth by-law.

CHAIRMAN—What becomes of the money gained from these fines? A.—I believe it goes into the treasury of the Commissioners.

Q.—Is your Company damaged in any way by this law? A.—Certainly it is; one of our vessels coming from Copenhagen was hailed by a pilot off St. Johns, Newfoundland, but the Captain declined to take any pilot until he got to pilot ground.

TESTIMONY OF MR. E. HENKIN.

Mr. EDWARD HENKIN, ship-owner and broker, said: I complaint of the interference of the Pilot Commissioners in my private business; I claim the right to select the pilot I wish to employ.

CHAIRMAN—What do you consider is the feeling among the pilots on this question? A.—The older pilots are all unanimous upon the point that the twenty-eighth by-law works badly for the most efficient men, since it placed all on a level. As the thing works now, the pilots don't care to please the merchant, because they get their employment from the Commissioners.

By Pilot HARBINSON—Are there men who say they suffer by the twenty-eighth by-law pilots who go to sea and cruise at a distance, or who cruise around the corners of streets and the ends of piers? A.—They are men who cruise at a distance.

TESTIMONY OF PILOT SEGUINE.

The next witness was Pilot DENNIS SEGUINE, who said that a change in the law would be satisfactory to only a minority of the merchants.

By the CHAIRMAN—Don't you consider Mr. MAGINN a competent pilot? A. Yes; in every respect.

Q.—If Mr. HINBIN were to employ him would he not have to pay another man, according to the twenty-eighth section? A.—That is according to the law.

Q.—Well, that's the point we are considering; is the law a right one? A.—Why, it must always be right to obey the law.

By Mr. CAMPBELL—But you think that, if the law bears hard upon individual cases, still it is better for pilots generally? A.—Of course; a class of men would spring up who would hover about the bay and take vessels to sea in fine weather, because they would be favorites of merchants, whereas I and men like me go far to sea in bad weather and bring vessels in at great trouble and danger.

By Mr. BRETT—What percentage do you pay to the Pilot Commissioners? A.—Two and a half per cent.

Q.—Are you satisfied to pay that? A.—Certainly, I am.

By the CHAIRMAN—What becomes of that money? A.—It pays the expenses of the office, and is used also for benevolent purposes.

TESTIMONY OF MR. C. HUNTER.

Mr. CLINTON HUNTER, a shipping agent, testified that he objected to the action of the Commissioners in selecting pilots to take vessels to sea. A year ago the pilot knocked their ship, *Oread*, on the bar, and damaged her to the amount of $12,000. He made a complaint to the Commissioners, and they held a meeting and decided that the pilot was not to blame, notifying them to that effect.

Q.—Do you consider there is any necessity for a Board of Pilot Commissioners? A.—I don't.

By Mr. BENNETT—You consider that this twenty-eighth law is an infraction of our constitutional rights? A.—I do.

By the CHAIRMAN—Have you any redress against a pilot who loses one of your vessels? A.—Not the slightest.

By Pilot HARBINSIN—Do not the ships of which you are the owner, refuse to pay off-shore pilotage? A.—Not lately.

Q.—Do you pay any bonus to the Harbor-Masters? A.—No; but we pay for berths; we give a gratuity to the stevedores, and we pay something extra for stowage.

Q.—Do not these bonuses and stowage extras act inimically to the interests of the port? A.—I am sure of it; I had to load a vessel for Rotterdam, and I sent her to Baltimore, loaded her there, and saved a thousand dollars by the transaction.

By a gentleman present—Did you pay any gratuity other than the rent of your pier to anybody? A.—I have paid sums to Mr. CULVER, the stevedore of Pier No. 4, North River.

By Mr. HINKIN—You hire the wharf from a private lessee, do you not? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—And besides that you pay Harbor-Master's fees, and these under the table gratuitous? A.—Exactly.

Q.—How much did you pay the stevedore? A.—About $25 each time.

TESTIMONY OF MR. A. HENEY.

The next witness was Mr. ARCHIBALD HENEY, ship agent and owner, who complained of off-shore pilotage, which he considered something which the merchant ought not to be obliged to pay. He was also of opinion that the twenty-eighth by-law ought to be abolished. He did not think that Mr. SEGUINE had any foundation for his statements. He knew that the present system operated disastrously for the Port of of New-York, and he had received letters from every quarter, from ship-owners, begging him to keep their vessels away from New-York.

By the CHAIRMAN.—Have you any complaints against the Harbor-Masters? A.—Yes; we've been at them all Winter; we object to paying the stevedores for berths which we've hired from the Wharfinger; we have had cases where the Harbor-Master has ordered a vessel away from a berth, when it was vacant; I then went to another Harbor-Master, who said I could have one for $75; I agreed to pay that; the vessel, *Tarryburn* was her name, was then at Pier No. 6; she was towed to Pier No. 9, and a bill for towage of $75 was sent to me, which I refused to pay; I have never been able to trace the manner in which the money came into the Harbor-Master's hands; but I consider that he receives all but ten per cent. of these towage bills.

By Mr. BENNETT.—How long has this towage evil existed? A.—It has always been so.

TESTIMONY OF MR. J. E. MILLER.

The next witness was JOHN EARNEST MILLER, a ship-broker, who objected generally to the law that registered vessels should be compelled to take a pilot. He also objected to offshore pilotage.

To Mr. BENNETT—We pay it in the way of towage; we give from $15 to $60 in excess of what should be the charge for towage; we have paid $40 for towing a brig from one side of Pier No. 10 to the other; then after that vessel was discharged we paid $10 more for the privilege of taking in 500 barrels of cargo; for towing the same vessel to Williamsburg we then paid $10 to the same propeller; for the brig *Tenerife* we paid $60 to bring her from Brooklyn to Pier No. 8 in the East River; the fair rate would have been $10.

Q.—What would have happened if you had not paid? A.—We should not have got a berth.

Q.—How much are you paying over what is right? A.—Above 800 per cent.

Q.—How long has this been the rule. A.—For the last eighteen years.

Q.—Are they, the present officials, men with any special capacity for their positions? A.—No, they are politicians; the dissatisfied pilots would be very much better.

By a gentleman present—Have you, as a ship-owner, ever recommend ship-owners to avoid New-York? A.—I have, especially in the Summer season.

Q.—It is your opinion that commerce would be benefited by taking away the privileged character of the pilots? A.—It certainly is.

By Pilot HARBINSON—Don't you think that the owners of the cargoes and the passengers on board are also interested in the welfare of shipping generally? A.—Most surely; but I think, as an owner, I ought to be allowed to manage my own property.

TESTIMONY OF MR. F. E. WALSH.

The NEXT witness was FRANK E. WALSH, ship-broker, who confirmed the previous statements. He strongly objected to the twenty-eighth by-law; captains in their employ had been grevi ously insulted by pilots, and had been obliged to take th same men out again.

By Mr. BENNETT—Do you know anything about the charges of Harbor-Masters? A.—We were obliged to pay $100 for the privilege of berthing the bark *Harry A. Way* in Pier No. 19; we have it in the shape of towing the vessel from the sectional dock to the pier; the person to whom we pay the money is Capt. PARKER, the supposed owner of the propellers, but we have no doubt that he is the agent for Mr. BRICE, who is Harbor-Master of the Fifth District; so Mr. HART, who is Harbor Master of another district, we have never paid a single cent, nor been asked to pay, and he has always given us berths, whereas Mr. BRICE would not give us any berth at all.

TESTIMONY OF CAPT. JONES.

Capt. JONES then took the stand. He testified: I have been Captain of the Fort for the last two years; the position is semi-judicial, and gives me power of supervision over the Harbor-Masters; I received last year $4,800, which came from regular fees.

By Mr. BENNETT—Did you not, when you entered upon your office, know that there was a system of bonuses going on? A.—I did.

Q.—Did you instruct your subordinates that this system was illegal? A.—I did not; I considered it none of my business, because the statutes make it a misdemeanor.

Q.—Did you know of any system of extravagant towage charges? A.—From twelve to fifteen such complaints have come before me; one flatly has been investigated by me concerning Capt. HART.

Q.—Has not sufficient evidence come before you to convince you that there was a system of illegal charges carried on by the Harbor-Masters? A.—Yes; but I had no power to call witnesses, and the documents have never come before me, and no evidences in such a shape that I could do anything with it.

Q.—Have you ever received any presents from the Harbor-Masters? A.—I was presented with a ring about a year ago.

Q.—Have you ever received anything from Dr. CARNOCHAN? A.—I had a cigar from him occasionally, that was all.

Q.—Have you not read charges in the TIMES and other papers that you shared with him his illegal fees? A.—I have, but they were untrue.

Q.—Did the statements concerning the towage charges surprise you? A.—I had a suspicion that there was such a system, but I did not know the facts.

By the Chairman—Can you suggest any legislation by which these evils could be remedied? A.—I think all the appointments should be in the hands of the Governor who should have power to dismiss for cause and only for cause.

By Mr. BENNETT—Did you never hear that it was customary for the Captain of the Port and the Health Officer to divide the spoils? A.—I never did.

TESTIMONY OF W. R. PARKER.

Mr. WARD R. PARKER testified that he was a tug-owner, and that he had some knowledge of the working of the Harbor-Masters.

By Mr. HINKIN—Will you state for what service that you performed to the bark *George Peabody* you charged a sum of $50? A.—I cannot say that I remember anything about the bark *George Peabody*.

Mr. HINKEN—Mr. Chairman, we paid $50 for towing the bark *George Peabody*, on Aug. 6, to her berth; now I want this witness to say what service he rendered?

Witness replied: I have no doubt that I did so; I recognize my indorsement to this check, and I presume it was in accordance with an agreement previously made.

Mr. HINKIN resumed: On the 3d of September we paid this man, Mr. PARKER, $50 for the privilege of permitting that vessel to remain at her berth and load.

WITNESS—I don't remember it, but I presume it was for moving the vessel about in some way.

Mr. HINKIN—Was not the money paid to you? A.—Yes, it was.

By Mr. BENNETT—How many boats do you own? A.—Only one.

Q.—How much does it earn? A.—From $30 to $130 a day, and the expenses are from $40 to $50.

Q.—Do you think it a fair charge to demand $30 from Williamsburg to Pier No. 11? A.—In Winter, when there was plenty of ice, I should think it fair.

Q.—But in October, when there was no ice? A.—It would depend upon the services I rendered; if I had to see the Harbor-Master and arrange about getting a berth for the vessel.

Q.—Now don't you pay some of this money over to anybody else? A.—Never; not a dollar of it.

Q.—Do you deny the statements made here by merchants, that the owners of propellers defended their charges by saying that they had to share with the Harbor-Masters? A.—I deny that I ever said so.

By the CHAIRMAN—We would like to see your cash-book, Mr. PARKER. A.—I do not keep a cash-book.

Mr. HINKIN—What did you do with that $50 that we paid you for permitting us to retain the *Peabody* at her berth? A.—I received the money and put it in the bank.

Mr. HINKIN—Did we not pay you $130 to tow the *Tyre* to the end of the dock, Pier No. 9, and a boy all night like me got $50 to take her round a mile and a half to the North River? A.—I suppose so—if you have my checks.

Mr. HINKIN—Do you recollect towing the *Manitoba*? A.—Yes, Sir; I do.

Mr. HINKIN—We paid you $75 for towing her from the Wall-street Pier, Brooklyn, to Pier No. 9, East River; I presume that's correct.

By Mr. BENNETT—Don't you consider that an extortionate sum? A.—I presume it was in pursuance of some arrangement.

By the CHAIRMAN—Here's another check for $40, was that for towing and services? A.—I suppose so.

By Mr. HENEY—Don't you recollect making a bargain with me in the presence of the Harbor-Master and Mr. SEELEY, to give the *Torreburn* a berth for $75? A. No, Sir; I do not remember anything of the sort.

The Chairman here instructed the witness to bring his check-book and some book which would show the earnings of the boat.

Mr. HINKIN again took the stand, but he gave no evidence that had not already been given in his cross examination of Mr. BARKER.

TESTIMONY OF MR. H. HARBINSON.

Mr. HENRY HARBINSON testified that he had been a sea-going pilot for thirty-three years, and stated in general terms his entire approval of the present state of things, and the twenty-eighth by-law. He simply repeated the arguments adduced by Mr. SEGUINE. He also read a memorial of underwriters indorsing the pilotage system, and deprecating any change, which was signed by eight gentlemen. A vehement discussion took place between him and Messrs. BRETT and COOK on the subject of the off-shore pilotage, in which the pilot was rather worsted. He wound up by expressing a fervid hope that the law would be permitted to stand as it was.

MR. PARKER'S BOOKS.

Mr. PARKER now came forward with his books, and his partner, Mr. JOHN GIBBS, was sworn. He testified that he was a tug-boat owner; he recollected nothing about the ship *George Peabody*, and nothing distinctly about the bark *Tyre*; he recollected the bark *Manitoba* being at Pier No. 9 East River last June, but no circumstances about it; he also remembered the bark *Alpina* being at Pier No. 8.

Mr. HINKIN—We paid you $75 for towing the *Manitoba* from Pierrepont's stores, Brooklyn, to Pier No. 9; don't you remember that? A.—Yes; I did.

Q.—Do you remember the bark *Alpina* being at Pier No. 8? A.—Yes; I do.

By Mr. BENNETT—Have you any share in the *Prendent*? A.—No; only in the *Trojan*.

Mr. HINKIN—On the 18th of August we paid you $65 for towing the *Susan A. Dudley*; why were we charged that sum? A.—I did not know that she was charged that.

By the CHAIRMAN—Would that be an unusual price? A.—It depends upon the circumstances.

Q.—What proportion of this did you share with the Harbor-Master? A.—Not a dollar.

Q.—Nor with any one? A.—Not with any one.

Q.—Why did we pay you five times the sum for towing the *S. A. Dudley* one-quarter the distance that you towed another of our vessels? A.—I don't know anything about it.

By Mr. BENNETT—If you paid that sum, would you consider it a swindle? A.—It would depend upon the bargain I made.

By the CHAIRMAN—Did not you make some arrangement with other firms by which you might secure the bulk of the business from the Harbor-Masters? A.—We did.

Q.—What sum did you pay? A.—I did not pay anything myself.

Q.—How much did the person who paid for you give? A.—Something under a thousand dollars.

Q.—Was this paid all at one time, or by a *pro rata* arrangement? A.—Part of it was paid down, and the remainder per month.

Q.—Who made this arrangement? A.—Mr. BARKER did.

Q.—When did you change this system? A.—In December.

Q.—Was this a written agreement? A.—Only verbal.

Mr. HINKIN resumed his questions about the *George Peabody*, and Mr. GIBBS suddenly remembered all about her, but he could not tell what became of the $75 given for services, or explain what the services were.

MR. PARKER RECALLED.

Mr. PARKER now took the stand again.

Mr. BRETT—What was the nature of the arrangement you made, and with whom did you make it? A.—With a man named WM. CHAPMAN; I agreed to pay two and a half per cent. of the towage receipts; it may have been five per cent.; he introduced me to some parties who introduced me to the Harbor-Master of the district—either Mr. HUSTED or Mr. SHIELY, that had the district at that time; I saw him, and he said I could have the towing; this was in the Spring of 1869; the arrangement went into action in June, 1869.

Judge BEBEE—Did you ever pay any money to the Harbor-Master personally? A.—No; I never did; I paid the money to a middle-man.

Q.—Was Mr. CHAPMAN in any authority? A.—No; but he had immense acquaintance, and he said he thought he could introduce me to some one who would introduce me favorably to the Harbor-Master.

Q.—Where can Mr. CHAPMAN be found? A.—He is, I believe, a banker in Broad-street.

TESTIMONY OF GEORGE HALL.

GEORGE HALL, a stevedore, testified that he loaded vessels wherever he could get them, but mostly on the East River, at Piers Nos. 16, 17, 18 and 19.

By Mr. BRETT—Now, Mr. HALL, have you ever paid any money for any privilege to any person? No; I never have.

The next witness, Mr. MACKENZIE, of the French steam-ship line, testified that this Company were very dissatisfied with the present arrangements; the Pilot Commissioners notified them that they were fined for taking Mr. MAGINN's boat on the outward when another had brought them in; they took no notice, and there was a suit brought against them, which was subsequently abandoned; all that they objected to was the obnoxious section 28.

Mr. GUSTAVUS A. BRETT was the next witness. He objected to the legal compulsion on registered vessels to take a pilot; his second objection was against the twenty-eighth by-law, which had become inoperative in the law; the third objection was against offshore pilotage; bating these things, he had no ground of complaint against the pilots or the Commissioners.

By Capt. JONES—Have you any complaint to make against the Captain of the Port? A.—None whatever; I believe he is a square and honorable man.

Mr. BRETT, the Pilot Commissioner, was then called, and he testified in respect to the obnoxious clause pretty much in the same words as the pilots SEGUIN and HARBINSON. He gave his evidence in a very naive and pleasant way, but stated nothing absolutely new.

By the CHAIRMAN—Are you not aware that many merchants are bitterly opposed to the Twenty-eighth by-law? A.—Well, you know there's opposition to all laws, but I would never give up that special law if I were to die for it.

Q.—Can there be no arrangemrnt by which merchants can hire such pilots as they prefer? A.—No, it must be compulsory. They don't know me as well as we do; pilots must be appointed without fear, affection or favor.

By Mr. BENNETT—What is done with the two and a half per cent, collected from the pilots? A.—It goes for office expenses, &c. My salary as Secretary amounts to $4,000 in gold. The Commissioners have no salary.

The investigation was then adjourned, the Chairman stating that, should it be renewed, due notice would be given through the columns of the public Press.

PUBLIC OPINION ON PUBLIC AFFAIRS

An Instructive Record.

From the Toledo Blade.

Mr. GREELEY has been a hard worker in politics for many years, but he has never been happy except when belaboring the men he has just helped to elect. He helped to elect HARRISON, but never forgave Gov. SEWARD for not making him the chief dispenser of patronage in the City and State of New-York on the accession of the Whigs to power, and his denunciation of Gen. TAYLOR fared no better at his hands. After the election of ABRAHAM LINCOLN, the President seldom pleased the sage of the *Tribune*. STEPHEN A. DOUGLAS, who never omitted an opportunity to denounce and make odious the party to which GREELEY belonged, was his favorite candidate for high position. STEPHEN A. DOUGLAS could win compliments when the leading Republicans were sharply criticised and denounced. The *Tribune* has abounded with excellent and patriotic sentiments, but has been very exacting and severe on those who have done the most to carry them out. To be severe on ABRAHAM LINCOLN, and to be supercilliously benevolent and generous to JEFFERSON DAVIS, came very easy to Mr. GREELEY. Strongly siding with Senator FENTON in the war of factions in New-York, he has become intensely indignant that the influence and power of the *Tribune*, or rather of himself, has not been more potent in the despensation of loaves and fishes. Even now more than intimates that he is quite ready to calmly consider the attractions which the opposite party may have to offer him.

HOW IS THIS?

Harrisburg (Penn.) Journal.

The *Tribune* is highly incensed with the resolution introduced in the United States Senate the other day, asking for information as to how many applications for office certain Senators had recommended. This, in the opinion of GREELEY, is "gross and contemptible, but, in the *Tribune's* opinion, it is all right to hold the President responsible for the acts of the men who were appointed on such recommendation, and to investigate him for their crimes. Such is the high-toned justice of SCHURZ and TRUMBULL.

THE SCHURZ-FENTON FACTION.

Buffalo Express.

At every step these senatorial conspirators have been baffled and mortified. True to his reputation, the President has been ready for them every time. He has been willing to take them turbine in the work of investigation than they have cared to follow. Investigation is not what they wanted. They would have been glad if the President's friends had resisted investigation. What they wanted was to cast a slur upon GRANT and let the people think there was something rotten in the State which the Administration dominates. The President has been their pilot so far as the President is concerned, the anti-Grant men try to discredit the President's friends by saying they are but subsidized advocates, whose services have been secured by benefits conferred or expected. That is to say, the President's friends are his friends only because he has bestowed on them offices according to their recommendation and advice. Unfortunately for those who put the matter in this light, if their proposition has any weight at all, it is more than balanced by the opposite of it, which naturally goes with it, viz.: that the President's enemies are his enemies only because he has *not* distributed the Federal patronage according to *their* wishes! And, surely the former is the least dishonorable explanation of the two. Better to be governed by gratitude and hope than by disappointment and revenge.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES.

Newark (N. J.) Courier.

We are reliably informed by a news-dealer in this city that the circulation of the New-York *Tribune* is falling off in Newark from eight to ten copies a day on the number which he himself serves personally to subscribers. There are probably forty or fifty news-dealers in town, and if, as it is reasonable to suppose, there is a like ratio in the decrease among them all, it will not be many days before the *Tribune* will cease to come among or disturb anybody in these parts. Indeed, the rapidly falling circulation of the *Tribune* must have been sensibly felt at the publication office, inasmuch, for the first time in years, the paper has been placed "on sale" to the newsdealers, with the privilege of returning all copies not disposed of! We are by no means surprised to learn these facts, for the *Tribune's* course during the past few months has been such as to disgust Republicans; and as for the Democrats, while they may applaud its sentiments, they will be the last persons in the world to extend it any encouragement in the shape of tangible patronage. Meanwhile the NEW-YORK TIMES is meanwhile rapidly and surely taking *the* place in the hearts of the people, so long occupied by the *Tribune* while it remained a decent newspaper.

A VOICE FROM INDIANA.

Terre Haute Express.

If the venerable philosopher of the *Tribune* could hear the inverted blessings he is now receiving from his old-time friends, in these parts, he would begin to suspect that he had lived too long. It is always a misfortune to outlive the respect and confidence of the good and true among one's contemporaries.

BOLTING.

Auburn Daily Advertiser.

HORACE GREELEY bitterly dislikes General GRANT, because, when Senator ROSCOE CONKLING recommended the appointment of certain men to certain offices in New-York, Senator FENTON's wishes were not as much respected as HORACE thought they should be. Mr. GREELEY dislikes President GRANT, moreover, because Senator CONKLING's friends support him. There is a wish on the part of many to renominate and re-elect GRANT President, and the probability of such an event is decidedly strong. Naturally Mr. GREELEY deprecates and opposes such a choice. Nevertheless, he fears this result; and, in view thereof, broadly hints his intention not to abide by the decision of the National Republican Union Convention, the call for which, though one of the Committee, he refuses to sign. In other words, GREELEY is preparing to bolt.

H. G. FOR PRESIDENT—NO, THANK YOU.

Milwaukee Sentinel.

We regret to learn that the soreness of Mr. GREELEY's caput is not improving. He now denounces all national Conventions and caucusses, in his *Tribune*, and says they have no binding force. It is stated, also, that he privately says he will not support GEN. GRANT, if nominated. The cause of all this is that the evidences daily accumulate that the people don't want H. G. for President, but, on the contrary, popular feeling runs more and more for GRANT. We don't know that anybody cares much about this singular course of Mr. G., except the *Tribune* Company. What they will do with the old gent during the Presidential campaign is a serious question with them.

The Reorganization of Tammany.

A meeting of the Tammany Society was held last evening, for the purpose of receiving a report from the Special Committee recently appointed relative to the status of the existing General Committee. Nearly all of the members of the Special Committee were present, but no formal report was presented. Ex-Sheriff JOHN KELLY made a statement, and speeches were made by Ex-Congressman JOHN W. CHANLER and others. No business or importance was transacted, and the Society adjourned until Saturday evening next, when, it is expected, the Special Committee will make a full report.

FOREIGN MAIL NEWS.

ARRIVAL OF THE BREMEN STEAM-SHIP HANSA.

The steamship *Hansa*, which left Bremen on Feb. 17 and Southampton on Feb. 20, reached this port yesterday. Her advices are later by two days than those already at hand.

A STRANGE MURDER.

Tragedy in Lambeth—An American the Murderer.

From the London Echo, Feb. 19.

We stated in our various editions on Saturday that an extraordinary murder had been committed early that morning in the Belvedere Road, Lambeth, near Hungerford Bridge. GEORGE MERRITT, a stoker, employed at the LION Brewery, in the Belvedere Road, was proceeding to his work when he was shot by a man named MINOR, an American. In the course of the day the accused was taken before Mr. PARTRIDGE, at the Southwark Police Court, and gave the name of WILLIAM CHESTER MINOR, and was described as an American physician, aged thirty-seven, residing at No. 41 Tenison-street, York Road, Lambeth.

It appeared from the evidence of Police Constable No. 236 L, that a little after 2 o'clock that morning he was on duty in the Belvedere-road when he heard a report of fire-arms. He proceeded in that direction, and saw the prisoner coming on the opposite side of the road. He went over to him and asked him who it was that had fired. He said he had, and asked him who he had fired at. He said, "A man. I should not be such a coward as to shoot a woman." Witness seized hold of him and took the revolver produced from his right hand; it was quite new. He then took him to the station-house, and on the way met other constables, whom he directed to proceed to Tenison-street, while witness proceeded to the station-house. In the station-house a "bowie" knife was found concealed under his coat. The prisoner was very cool and collected, and did not appear the least excited from drink.

BUXTON, No. 108 L, said he met last witness taking the prisoner to the station-house, and, from what he said, he and another officer proceeded to Tenison-street, where he found the deceased lying near the wall of the Lion Brewery-store, bleeding from wounds on his throat; another constable came up, and they took the body to St. Thomas' Hospital, when life was found to be extinct.

JOHN CHAPMAN, a laborer employed at the LION Brewery, identified the body as that of GEORGE MERRITT, who had worked with him on the brewery for seven or eight years; he roused him up to come to his work a little before two that morning; the deceased was about thirty-six years of age; he had a family of seven young children, and his wife is again near her confinement.

RICHARD STEGGLES, No. 6 L, who was on duty at the Tower-street Police Station as acting inspector when the prisoner was brought in, said that when the charge was read to the prisoner he made no reply; he was perfectly cool and collected, and quite sober; the pistol produced was handed to him by Sergt. M'GILLICUDDY; it was full cocked, and all the chambers appeared to have been exploded; witness took possession of it, and at ten that morning handed it to Mr. WOODS, a gunsmith, No. 44 Waterloo-road, who examined it in his presence and detached the chamber, (also produced;) on the prisoner being searched he found the knife, (produced,) which he thought was called "bowie-knife;" it was concealed under the back of his coat; as soon as witness took hold of it the prisoner said, "I don't always carry this knife; it is a surgical instrument;" witness found on him a gold watch and hall-guard, a pair of spectacles and case, keys and ring, a small mirror, two boxes of medicine, a pen-knife, and 26 10s. 3d in gold and silver. The prisoner was remanded to Horsemonger-lane Jail.

He seemed quite unconcerned, and asked no questions. The Detective Police connected with the Lambeth Division were busily engaged yesterday in trying to discover some facts which might throw a light upon the motive of the accused. It appears that he is a member of the New-York College of Surgeons, and that he is also a man possessed of considerable wealth. On Saturday night Detective Sergt. MULLARD was ordered by his superiors to proceed to the house where he had lived, No. 41 Tenison-street, York-road, Lambeth, and take possession of all papers, documents, &c., that he might find, which he accordingly did. Yesterday all his papers were carefully examined. One of the letters found mentioned that Mr. MINOR was a surgeon, and that he had been a Captain in the United States Army, and that while on one of the serves he had received a sunstroke, which affected his mind to such an extent that he could no longer practice as a medical man. Another letter from a well-known American was addressed to Mr. RUSKIN, and was a letter of introduction. It stated that Mr. MINOR was desirous of visiting England for the purpose of making sketches of its picuresque scenery, and that he was an artist of merit. A third letter stated that Mr. MINOR had been advised by his friends and doctors to travel through Europe in order to recover full possession of his health, which had been injured by the sunstroke. Among the luggage found on Saturday by the detectives at Mr. MINOR's lodgings, at No. 41 Tenison-street, were several very beautiful sketches of London and the surrounding country, which had been drawn by the prisoner. A great quantity of money and drafts on bankers were also found and carried to the Tower-street Police station. The American Minister has been communicated with, and telegrams have been sent over to the American Police authorities at New-York.

Yesterday the Police received a very great number of communications, one of them being the following: A man named THOMAS PALLINGTON, employed as a warehouseman at the Lion Brewery Company, Belvedere Road, Lambeth, has a wife in the Colney Hatch Lunatic Asylum, and upon her death he becomes entitled to £1,700, but if he dies that money goes to other persons. Last week it was rumored that Mrs. PALLINGTON was dying, and it is now stated that MINOR called during last week no less than three times at the Lion Brewery to ask if he could see PALLINGTON, and that he also asked at what time PALLINGTON was in the habit of coming to the brewery. It is insinuated that if PALLINGTON died money would come to him. One thing is certain, and that is that he is accurately described as the person who called at the brewery and asked about PALLINGTON. A friend of PALLINGTON last night showed a letter which had been written from New-York, and received in Lambeth on Friday morning, in which these words were used: "These —— Yankees must be put a stop to." That letter, it is believed, referred to the proceedings of a society, and it is said that MINOR saw it.

A statement has been made that MINOR was induced by a young woman to enter a house near Tenison-street, and that he was afterwards robbed, and that it was while he was waiting on Saturday morning to shoot the man who had robbed him, that he mistook MERRITT for him and shot him. That statement the Police did not believe, and some persons are of opinion that when the crime was committed MINOR was attacked by a fit of insanity, superinduced by the sunstroke which he had received during the American war.

RUSSIA AND AMERICA.

The Return of M. Catacazy—The Relations of the two Countries from a Russian Standpoint.

St. Petersburg, (Feb. 10.) Correspondence of the London Telegraph.

M. CATACAZY is well known here as a man of a certain ability, but with principles of a very doubtful character. It must be said, to the honor of the Czar, that he put forward serious objections against CATACAZY's appointment to Washington when it took place. Prince GORTSCHAKOFF, however, was not actuated by such delicate feelings, but pushed his favorite forward at all hazards. That is of itself sufficient proof that GORTSCHAKOFF needed an instrument who would not stand at trifles, since the appointment was not only opposed to the feelings of the Emperor, but to those of all sober and candid men here. Still, no one was prepared for the calumniating abuse poured by CATACAZY on the President and Ministers of the United States. The question is naturally asked, why was he not removed from his post at once? One would deem it only natural that any Government would be irritated at the delay in the removal of such a disagreeable ogre. Surely, if there is any cause of complaint, it is from across the Atlantic only it can come; since, in the opinion of the Russians themselves, the Government here has acted with singular want of tact and discretion. The fact that the President had not returned the visit of the Grand Duke ALEXIS—at least before the departure of CATACAZY—is sufficiently significant of the feeling entertained by the American Government. The Press here has very little to say on the subject, and it is so sore a point with the Government that in all probability but little latitude will be allowed to it in discussing the matter.

The Moscow *Gazette* is very wroth at the strictures of the English Press, and in its number of the 2d inst. it stands to its original assertion, that the affair in which the Russian Ambassador was concerned in Washington possessed nothing of any grave political importance, but was simply the result of personal misunderstanding. Then it continues:

"Considering the mutual friendly relations between Russia and the United States, the publication of the dispatch of Mr. FISH was entirely out of place, after the demand of the American Government had been satisfied and the Ambassador recalled. It thus gave to the dispute an appearance of gravity which it did not in reality possess. The question naturally arises: What necessity was there of raising a scandal? The interests of America certainly did not demand the necessity of a dispute with Russia. Dissension between the two countries could only be desired in an interest opposed to that of America. That appears to us indisputable. We did not say that Mr. FISH acted under the inspiration of English diplomacy; we only asserted—and we repeat it again—that if there was any political calculation in the affair its success could not be of great moment to America, but to England. History has shown numerous examples how politicians, in consequence of false reckoning or personal inclinations, have acted in an interest opposed to that of their own country. For England, any dissension between Russia and America would be a source of gratification. England has constant reckonings to make with America, and has always a suspicious eye turned toward Russia. From an English political point of view it is certainly more advantageous that the two countries should be isolated, and that the relations between them should be as constrained as possible. This we hope our English friends will not venture to dispute. We, for our part, can tranquillize them that we are in no degree alarmed that at length they are anxious to put an end to the hotly-disputed *Alabama* question."

Very possibly the Russians are not alarmed; but they would undoubtedly feel much more pleased, in a political point of view, could the settlement be delayed to some future time. There can be no question that the Russian Government maintains a friendly policy with the United States from interests exclusively political. There is nothing in common between the two countries—no community of sentiment, none of political principle; and there are no commercial interests to bind the two nations together. The Russian detests the free-and-easy habits of the American. He does not like him in society; he seldom visits the Great Republic, and when he does he finds the social equality, the free institutions, and generally uncermonious character of the Americans grate in such striking contrast with the aristocratic spirit, the undeveloped political ideas, and the French polish of his education, that he returns long before he can possibly gain a sufficient insight into all around him to appreciate what is worthy of imitation. He comes back with the impression that it is easier to admire the Americans at a distance than at home, and that they are far more genial and prepossessing when seen through the haze of the Atlantic than in the noisy streets of New-York, or the saloons of Washington and Baltimore.

THE TRIAL OF MAYOR HALL.

Sixth Day's Proceedings—Evidence of Deputy Controller Storrs—How the Fraudulent Claims Were Audited—Ex-County Auditor Lynes' Testimony.

The trial of Mayor HALL for misdemeanor in office, in neglecting to audit the claims of A. J. GARVEY, was resumed yesterday morning before Judge DALY, in the General Term of the Court of Common Pleas. Messrs. Peckham, Tremaine, Clinton and Sullivan conducted the prosecution, and Messrs. Burrill, Stoughton, Shafer, Buckley, Vanderpool and Smith represented the defendant.

RICHARD A. STORRS, in reply to Mr. PECKHAM testified: I am assistant in the Controller's office and have been engaged there since 1857; I was Deputy Controller from 1864 to September last.

Q.—Have you searched in your office for any papers relating to the Board of Audit of 1870?

Mr. BURRILL objected on the grounds first that it was not in the order of proof as observed in criminal cases, and in the second place that it assumed the existence of a Board of Audit which has not been proven.

Mr. PECKHAM said he wanted to prove its existence by the records, and in that view the Court held it was proper.

Witness: I caused a search to be made, and the paper now in my hand was given to me by Mr. CONNOLLY, who was then Controller; this was last Summer; the handwriting upon it is that of the Mayor; he commenced his term I believe in January, 1870, and has continued in office ever since; I am acquainted with the signatures attached to this paper; they are those of the Mayor, WM. M. TWEED, President of the Board of Works, and RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Controller.

Mr. BURRILL objected, but was overruled by Judge DALY, who granted an exception, so as to reserve the right in the defence to move to strike out all the evidence on account of its irrelevancy and immateriality.

The following paper was then read:

CONTROLLER'S OFFICE, 5th May, 1870.

The understigned meet as a Commission under and by virtue of section 4, chap. 382 of the laws of 1870.

On motion of the Mayor it is "Resolved, That the County Auditor collect from the appropriate Committees of the Board of Supervisors, all bills and liabilities against the County incurred prior to April 26, 1870, and the same be now audited, and that the evidence of the same be the authorization of the same, by the said Board or its appropriate committees, on the certificate of the Clerk or President, and that thereupon the said County Auditor annex the voucher and the appropriate blanks for signature, and action, as directed by the section aforesaid and payment."

A. OAKEY HALL, Mayor.
WM. M. TWEED, present President Board of Supervisors,
RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Controller.

Q.—Do you know of any meeting of the Board of Audit under that order?

Objected to on the ground that it had not been proved that the witness had such means of knowledge officially of the meetings of the Board as to enable him to state the fact as evidence to go before the Court.

By the Court—Q.—Have you any general knowledge of any meeting of the Commission referred to on this paper or of the gentlemen composing it? A.—I have no knowledge of it.

By Mr. PECKHAM—Do you find any reference in the Controller's office having any reference whatever to the meetings or business of that Commission? A.—No; a search was made in the office of the Controller by my direction for such record, if any existed, but none was found.

Q.—Was there any account found there of any claims purporting to have been audited by that Board or Commission and paid by the Controller?

Mr. BURRILL objected on the ground that no foundation had yet been laid for its introduction. He contended that no record in the office of the Controller could be binding upon the defendant, or upon the Board of Audit, if the defendant was a member, was not a component part of, or in any way connected with, the Finance Department of the City Government, or with the Controller, nor had the Controller any such jurisdiction over the Board of Audit, or connection with

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

Sales at the Stock Exchange—MARCH 4.

FIRST BOARD.

$4,000 U. S. 5-20 C., '62	111¾	400 W. U. Tel. b. e.bs.	70
62,000 U. S. 5-20 C., '64	111¾	500 do	70
10,000 U. S. 5-20 C., '65	111⅝	800 do	70⅛
1,000 do	111⅞	300 do	70¼
63,000 do	111⅞	10 Am. Merch. U. Ex.	68¼
4,000 U. S. 5-20 C., '65, n.	111⅛	15 do...bet. call.	68¾
1,000 U. S. 5-20 C., '67, c.	111⅛	100 U. S. Express	65⅜
36,000 U. S. 5s, 10-40 C., D10	107⅜	700 N. Y. C. & H. b. c.	98
10,000 Tenn. 5s, n	66¼	10000 N. Y. C. & H. Ctfs.	98¾
5,000 Ark. 7s, Miss. Ou. & Red R.	47	8000 do...bet. call.	98¾
1,000 Erie 3d M	95½	700 Erie Railway	33⅜
4,000 do	95	1000 do...bet. call.	33¾
3,000 Cen. Pac. G. bds.	102⅛	300 do	33¾
7,000 do	102¾	400 do	33⅝
1,000 U. Pac. 1st M	91⅜	200 do...b3.	33⅝
3,000 do	91⅜	300 do...c.	33⅜
2,000 do	91⅜	200 do	33¾
1,000 Am. D. & I. Co. 7s	88	1300 do	33
5,000 U. Pac. L. G'ts.	81⅝	900 do	32⅜
5,000 do...bet. call.	81¾	1200 do	32⅝
2,000 U. Pac 10s, Inc., ex int	61¼	200 Harlem...bet. call.	130
1,000 Chi. & N. W. 1st	98¼	500 Reading...bet. call.	114⅝
1,000 Tol. & Wab. 1st	97¾	500 do	114⅜
2,000 Chi. & Mil. 1st	94	200 do	114⅜
10,000 C., U. & I. C. 1st	92¼	10 Mich. Cen	118¾
4,000 do	92¾	29 L. S. & Mich. So.	92¼
1,000 Tol., Peo. & W. 1st, W. Div	91	600 do...bet. call.	92¼
100 Pac. M. S.S. Co.	61¾	800 do...bet. call.	92¾
800 do...c.	61¾	1900 do	36⅛
1200 do	61¼	200 do...b3.	36⅜
100 do	61¼	3200 do	36⅛
100 do...b3.	61¼	600 do	35⅞
350 do	61⅜	1000 Clev. & P. Guar.	90⅜
400 Quick. Min. Co.	37	200 do...b3.	90¼
400 West. U. Tel.	70⅛	85 do	90
200 do...c.	70⅛	100 Chi. & N. W.	78⅜
400 do	70⅛	2500 do...bet. call.	78⅜
200 N. Y. C. & H. R.	98	400 do...s3.	78⅜
1800 Erie Railway	33⅛	1600 do	78⅜
800 L. S. & M. So.	92⅜	500 do	78⅝
2000 do	92⅛	300 do	78¾
200 do...s3.	92¼	1200 do	78¾
2700 Chi. & N. W.	78⅛	3500 do	78⅞
1400 do...c.	78⅛	600 do...c.	78⅞
800 do	78⅛	600 do...s3.	78⅞
1600 do...c.	78⅛	2000 do	79
1600 Ohio & Miss...b3.	44⅛	1800 do...b3.	79
1400 do	44⅛	100 Chi. & N. W. Pf	91⅜
200 Tol., Wab. & West.	75⅛	200 N. J. Cen...b3.	112
300 Chi. & R. I.	111⅜	17 do	111⅛
200 Union Pacific	35¼	300 Chi. & R. I.	111⅛
200 do...b3.	35⅜	600 do...bet. call.	111⅛
2200 do	35⅜	200 do...s3.	111⅛
1300 do	36	900 Mil. & St. Paul.	b3. 57⅛
1600 do...b3.	36	200 do	do. s3. 57⅞
1000 do...s3.	36	100 Mil. & St. Paul Pf.	77⅜
200 do...s3.	35¾	54 Panama	s3. 53
135 Am. Exch. Bank	115¼	25 Pitts., Ft. W. & C.	98¾
15 Continental Bank	94¾	34 Del., Lack. & W.	105⅞
30 Gallatin Nat. Bk.	120	200 do	105⅝
12 Merch. Bauk. b. c.	117	200 Han. & St. Jo.	37⅛
200 Mcl. Coal Co.	10	200 do	37⅜
300 Canton Co.	86	200 do...bet. call.	37⅞
100 Mariposa Pf.		1100 C., C. & Ind. Cen.	23¼
200 Quick. Min. Co.	37	600 do...bet. call.	23
200 do...bet. c. b3.	37	1700 do	23⅛
100 Quicksilver Pf.	29¾	400 do...b. c.	75⅛
100 do...b3.	30	500 do	75⅞
300 Pac. M. S. S. Co.	61	600 do	75⅞
500 do...bet. call.	61¾	600 do	75⅝
200 do	61¾	1200 Ohio & Miss...b3.	44¾
3800 do	61¾	1900 do	44⅜
800 do	61¾	600 do...s3.	44⅜
1000 do...b3.	61¾	500 do...c.	44⅜
200 Bos., N. & E. Ferry	34¾	200 do	44¾
13 Chi., Bur. & Q	137		

SECOND BOARD.

$3,000 U. S. 6s, '81	114¾	100 Am. M. Un. Ex.	69⅜
10,000 U. S. 6s, '81	114¾	200 United States Tel.	66
5,000 U. S. 5-20 R., '62	111¾	20000 N. Y. C. & Hud. Ctfs...bet. call.	93⅝
5,000 U. S. 5-20 R., '65, s3	111½		46¾
30,000 do	111⅝	310 N. Y. C. & H. R.	98
14,000 U. S. 5-20 C., '65	111⅝	400 do...b3.	98¾
2,000 U. S. 5-20 C., '65, D10	107⅝	200 do	98¾
26,500 U. S. 5-20 C., '67	111	200 do...b. c. b3.	98¾
22,000 do	111¾	100 Panama R	c. 84¾
1,000 U. S. 5-20 R., '68	112	50 do	84¾
1,000 U. S. 5-20 C., '68	112¾	100 do	85
35,000 Va. 6s, Del., s20	17½	200 Chic. & N. W. b. c.	78¾
25,000 do	s60, 17½	1300 do	79
1,000 N. C. 6s, new	17½	1700 do	b3. 79
2,000 Un. Pac. 1st M	91½	1000 do	s3. 78¾
1,000 Un. Pac. 10s, Inc.	81¾	1700 do	78¾
5,000 do	82	500 do	79¾
10 Bank of Brooklyn	192	300 do	79
100 Maryland Coal	20	1700 do	78¾
200 West. Union Tel.	70¾	200 do	b3. 78¾
100 do	c. 70¾	700 do	78¾
41 do	70	500 do	s3. 78¾
500 do...bet. call.	70¾	380 Union Pacific R.	35⅛
700 do	b3. 70¾	1000 do...bet. call.	36¼
100 Quicksilver Min.	37	800 do	b3. 35¾
300 do...bet. call.	36¾	1400 do	36¼
100 Quicksilver, Pf.	60	800 do	36¼
300 do	b3. 40	300 do	36
1800 Pacific Mail...b. c.	61¼	1000 do	s3. 36⅜
600 do	61¾	100 Chic. & N. W. Pf.	92¼
200 do	c. 61¾	700 do	b. c. 92¾
600 do	61¾	14 C., C. & Ind.	b3. 82
600 do	61¾	100 New Jersey Cen.	112
600 do	s3. 61¾	200 do...b. c.	b3. 112
1500 do	61¾	1100 Chic. & R. I.	111¾
700 do	b3. 61¾	200 do...bet. call.	111¾
100 Adams Express	93¼	200 do	s3. 111¾
20 do	93	200 do	b3. 112
5 do	93¼	100 Mil. & St. Paul	57⅝
800 Erie R'y...bet. call.	32¾	200 Del., L. & W.	105¾
400 do	s3. 32¾	100 Mil. & St. Paul Pf.	77⅜
200 do	c. 32¾	210 Del., L. & W.	105½
200 do	32¾	200 do	c. 105¾
200 do	32¾	200 St. Louis & I. M.	78
500 do	s3. 32¾	200 H. & St. Joseph	39
500 do	s3. 32¾	100 Chicago & Alton	117
300 do	32¾	100 Col., C. & Ind. C.	23¾
400 do	b3. 32¾	200 do...bet. call.	23¾
600 L. S. & M. So.	92¾	100 Ohio & Miss...b. c. b3.	44¾
1600 do...bet. call.	92¾	800 do	44¾
200 do...bet. call.	92¾	200 Tol., W. & W...b. c.	75¾
200 do...b3.	92¾	1900 do	76⅛

MONDAY, March 4—P. M.

The Gold Room operators started off quite confident of an advance this morning on the announcement that the Treasury sales are suspended for March. The earliest transactions were at 110⅞@110⅛ ₱ cent., but on receipt of the London telegrams advising higher figures for the American Funds in that market, and a general good feeling on the Exchange, the sales of Gold suddenly returned to 110⅛@110⅜@110⅛@110⅛ ₱ cent. The calculation as to the effect of the suspension of Treasury sales this month was without proper consideration at the outset, for the Treasury may be called upon to disburse as much as $45,000,000 Gold during the month in redemption of the Principal of the 5-20 Bonds called in for payment ($40,000,000) on the 7th and 20th, and on the Half-Yearly Interest (about $5,000,000) on the 10-40 Loan. The Customs receipts of the month at all the ports will be large, but in the aggregate less than half the above disbursements. The Customs demand for Gold for the three business days of the month at New-York is $1,925,000.

The Foreign Exchanges were held firm on 60 days London through the day, and the rates 109¾@109⅞; but the drawers of sight Bills were selling freely at 110@110⅛ ₱ cent., which rates are supposed relatively cheaper or more desirable as a prompt remittance than 60 days Bills. There was a demand for the Public Funds of 1867 for Europe, which would help the supply of Exchange if the Bonds could be had in sufficient sums without advancing the market. The demand extends to the 1865 Bonds, May and November, but these are also comparatively scarce. The feeling abroad in regard to American Stocks is gradually improving, both in England and on the Continent, and our Public Funds and established Railway Mortgages, such as the various Pacifics, will soon, it is believed, feel the effect of renewed orders. Of fresh Railroad schemes abroad, the advices are not so encouraging.

On the Stock Exchange, besides the increased demand for the Public Funds, there is a rampant *Bull* speculation in the New-York and Western Railroads and Pacific Mail, Western Telegraph, &c., and the transactions, it will be noticed, are enormous in amount in six or eight of the leading speculatives, and nearly all at advancing prices. The prominent exception is Erie Stock, which started at 33¾ and fell back to 32½ ₱ cent. The sales of the Stock were very large, but no one outside the Ring appears to understand the eccentricities of movement. The North-west Common Stock advanced to 79½ ₱ cent.; Union Pacific to 36½; Pacific Mail, 62½, and Rock Island, 112; and this Afternoon, New-York Central began to sympathise with the general rise, and advanced to 98¼ ₱ cent. The easy working of the Money market today, owing to the disposition of the Canada Bank Agents and other private Bankers to lend freely, helped the speculation in Stocks, notwithstanding the movement of the Associated Banks, whose report of Saturday was not deemed encouraging.

The Manhattan Life Insurance Company presents some interesting statistics of its financial position, in its twenty-first annual report, given elsewhere in this paper.

After the printed sales of the Exchange Board, the market continued strong in price and active in demand, and the following quotations were made late in the day, as compared with the last figures of Saturday night. The Public Funds reported strong by the leading dealers. The Gold market steady. Bills on London, 60 days, 109¼@109½; Bills payable on demand, 110@110⅛ ₱ cent.

CLOSING PRICES—MARCH 4.

	Saturday.	Monday.
United States New 5s	108¾	108¾
U. S. 5-20s, '65s, May and Nov.	111¾	112
U. S. 5-20s, '67s, Jan. and July.	111¾	111¾
American Gold	110¼	110¼
Bills on London, 60 days	109¼	109¾
N. Y. Central and Hudson	97½	98¼
N.Y.C. and Hudson Debt Ctfs	93⅝	93⅞
Reading	114¼	114¾
Chicago and Rock Island	111¾	112¼
North-west Common	78¾	79½
North-west Preferred	90¾	92½
Pacific Mail	61½	62½
St. Paul Preferred	77½	78¼
St. Paul Common	57¼	57⅞
Ohio and Mississippi	44⅜	45¼
Toledo and Wabash	75¼	75½
Western Telegraph	70	70⅜
Erie	33⅜	32½
Union Pacific	35½	36½
Lake Shore	92½	92¾

Earnings of Pacific Railroad of Missouri:

Third week February, 1872	$56,202
Third week February, 1871	53,823
Increase	$2,379
For year commencing March 1, 1871	$3,552,600
For year commencing March 1, 1870	3,429,387
Increase	$123,213

BANKING AND FINANCIAL.

☞ THE 8 PER CT. FIRST MORTGAGE SINKING FUND LAND GRANT BONDS OF THE ST. JOSEPH AND DENVER CITY RAILROAD COMPANY,

in denominations of $1,000, $500 and $100, Coupon or Registered, can now be obtained to a limited amount only from the undersigned, or through the principal Banks and Bankers throughout the United States.

The safety and reliability of these Bonds is evidenced in the continued and increasing demand for them by prudent and careful investors, who have invested in them after a most thorough and rigid examination of the security pledged for their payment, both interest and principal.

THEY ARE SECURED by a *first* and *only mortgage* on the Company's *railroad*, (*which will soon connect the Union Pacific Road at Fort Kearney with the City of St. Joseph, Mo., already an important railroad centre,*) upon the *Franchises* of the same—upon the *Equipment* and *personal property* of every description—upon the *Land Grant* of the Company granted by Special Act of Congress, approved July 23, 1866, *amounting to* 1,700,000 *acres, which has been officially Certified to the Company by the Commissioner of the General Land Office in his official report to Congress, transmitted through the Secretary of the Interior on Jan.* 10, 1872.

The Bonds are issued only as they represent a completed and equipped Road; all proceeds of Bonds beyond this are held by the Trustees in trust until the necessary completion entitle the Company to these proceeds.

The Road is built first-class in every particular, and has been so received and accepted by the Department of the Interior.

The Mortgage Deed of Trust prohibits the sale of any of the Company's Lands at less than four ($4) dollars per acre, payable to the Trustees and applied to the payment of the Bonds, through the operation of the Sinking Fund. The payment of the Bonds before maturity is not compulsory upon the holders.

The Bonds are therefore secured by two classes of property *combined in one mortgage*, the value of either largely exceeding the amount of bonds which can be issued under the mortgage.

Trustees—Farmers' Loan and Trust Company of New-York.

The Bonds have thirty years to run, with both principal and interest payable in Gold. The Principal payable in New-York, the interest at eight (8 p. c.) per cent., payable in February and August either in New-York, London or Frankfort-on-the-Main, free of tax.

Price 97½ and accrued interest in Currency. The Bonds are receivable at par and accrued interest in payment for the Company's Land Sales. Maps, circulars, documents and full information furnished on application.

The Bonds of this Company have always been received with favor by investors and capitalists, have always commanded a ready market, and we unhesitatingly recommend them—believing this loan will rank equally with that of the Eastern Division issues, which are now selling at a premium above par.

TANNER & CO.,
Bankers, No. 11 Wall-street.

☞ LAND GRANT BONDS.—By an article recently published in regard to the sales of lands by some twenty-five of the principal land grant railroad companies of the United States, it will be found that the actual price realized per acre varies from $3 07 to $13 98, and that at the head of this list stands the lands of the GRAND RAPIDS AND INDIANA RAILROAD, running from Fort Wayne, in Indiana, northerly through the State of Michigan. The same statement shows that the lands of this Company are selling at the rate of $50,967 50 per mile of road, and the issue of bonds being but at the rate of $25,000 per mile, are thus secured not only by a first mortgage on the road, but by double the amount in lands. It is therefore apparent to investors that the security of these bonds is beyond question, as the proceeds of the lands are invested in the repurchase of the bonds. The cause of the high prices of these lands is that they are valuable lumber lands, and situated so near to the consuming population of the country, being within 600 miles of New-York City.

The bonds have 30 years to run, principal and interest, (7 per cent.,) payable in gold in New-York; coupons or registered, payable April and October, free of tax. But a small portion of the issue remains unsold. Price, 96 per cent. and accrued interest. For sale by

WINSLOW, LANIER & CO.,
No. 27 Pine-st.

☞ THE CHICAGO, DANVILLE AND VINCENNES RAILROAD is a finished line running through one of the richest portions of Illinois, connecting Chicago by the shortest route with the celebrated Block Coal fields of Indiana, and by way of Evansville and Nashville with the entire South. Although but just opened, it is already earning, net, MORE THAN THE INTEREST on all its bonds. We are now selling the last of the issue at 90 and accrued interest. They pay 7 per cent. gold. Full particulars furnished on application in person or by mail.

W. B. SHATTUCK & CO., Bankers.
No. 29 Nassau-st., New-York.

☞ BURLINGTON, CEDAR RAPIDS AND Minnesota Seven per Cent. Gold Sinking Fund Bonds for sale at 92½ and interest by HENRY CLEWS & CO., No. 32 Wall-st, New-York.

NEW-YORK CATTLE MARKET.

NEW-YORK, Monday, March 4, 1872.

Twenty cars of horned Cattle reached Weehawken Yards on yesterday forenoon and were all sold out: twenty fresh cars of horned Cattle reached some Yards on this forenoon and were also disposed of; both lots ranged from common to fair with a few top Steers; prices ranged from 10c.@11¾c. ₱ lb., weight from 6 cwt. to 7¼ cwt. to 8 cwt., on 56 lbs. to 58 lbs. to the cwt., net. On this forenoon at One Hundredth-street Yards, Central Railroad, twenty cars from good, with some choice to Steers; prices ran from 10¾c.@12¼c. ₱ lb., with three head at 14c. ₱ lb., weight from 7 cwt. to 10 cwt. on 56 lbs. to 60 lbs. to the cwt., net. Milch Cows dull, from $35@$67 ₱ head. Veal Calves ranged from 10c.@11¾c. 20½c. ₱ lb. Live Hogs nominal at our last quotations: City Dressed and Western Dressed not quoted up to noon.

SALES.

T. WHEELER sold for self and Co. 102 Steers, Illinois nice smooth cattle, from 12c.@13c. ₱ lb. T. BROWN sold for self 18 Steers, Illinois choice Cattle, at 13¼c. ₱ lb.; weight 7¾ cwt. To-day he sold for self 21 Steers, Illinois fair Cattle, at 11¼c. ₱ lb., weight 7¾ cwt. W. THOMPSON sold for self and Co. 45 Steers, Illinois nice Cattle, from 12c.@13c. ₱ lb., weight 8¾ cwt.; also 30 Steers, Illinois choice to fine, from 12¾c.@13¼c. ₱ lb., weight 9 cwt. strong: 44 Steers, Illinois good Cattle, from 12c.@13c. ₱ lb.; also 130 Steers, Illinois, from fair to good, from 11¾c.@12c. ₱ lb. J. & D. WARD sold for selves 101 Steers, Illinois fair Cattle, at 11¼c. ₱ lb., weight 7 cwt. strong; also 132 Steers, Illinois, from common to fair, from 10¾c.@11¾c. ₱ lb., average weight 7¼ cwt. W. FITCH sold for self 97 Steers, Illinois, from fair to good, from 11¾c.@13c. ₱ lb., average weight 7¾ cwt. O. T. C. EVANS sold for AINSLEY & CO. 40 Steers, Illinois good cattle, at 12¾c. ₱ lb., weight 8¼ cwt.; also for J. SPARROW & CO. 31 Steers, Missouris fair cattle, at 9¾c. ₱ head, weight on estimate 7¼ cwt. strong; again for same, 24 Steers, Illinois, at $82 ₱ head, medium cattle, weight on estimate 7¼ cwt. PURCHARD & MERRITT sold for selves 55 Steers, Illinois, from fair to good, from 11¾c.@12c. ₱ lb., weight 8 cwt. P. GILLESS sold for self 137 Steers, Illinois fair cattle, at 11¾c. ₱ lb., weight 7 cwt. T. C. EASTMAN sold for self 97 Steers, Illinois, from fair to good, from 11c. @12c. ₱ lb., weight 7¾ cwt. RYAN sold for self 12 Steers, Illinois fair cattle, at 11c. ₱ lb., weight 7¼ cwt.

FORTY-EIGHTH-STREET SHEEP MARKET.

HUME & ELLIOTT sold 194 Sheep, weight 17,420 lbs., at 8¾c. ₱ lb.; 135 Sheep, weight 12,290 lbs., at 8¾c. ₱ lb.; 501 Sheep, weight 41,760 lbs., at 8¾c. ₱ lb.; 93 Sheep, weight 7,570 lbs., at 8¾c. ₱ lb.; 15 Sheep, weight 1,310 lbs., at 8c. ₱ lb.; 1170 Sheep, weight 100,070 lbs., at 9¼c. ₱ lb. All foregoing lots were fine-wooled State Sheep. Above firm sold for week ending March 4, 1872, 4,375 Sheep for $32,935 88, range of prices, 7½c.@9¼c. ₱ lb., average ₱ head $7 53. KIRBY sold 119 Sheep, weight 12,230 lbs., at 9¼c. ₱ lb.; 380 Sheep, weight 35,740 lbs., at 9¼c. ₱ lb.

RECEIPTS.

Gross arrivals at Communipaw Yards for the week ending March 2, 1872; 3,062 head of horned Cattle, 10,766 Hogs, 10,044 Sheep. There were slaughtered in same yards during same week 831 head of horned Cattle, 10,684 Hogs, 9,127 Sheep.

Gross arrivals at One Hundredth-street Yards for week ending March 4, 1872: 1,753 head of horned Cattle, Western stock, 8 Beeves, 24 Cows, 361 Veals, 27 Sheep, local stock.

Gross arrivals at Forty-eighth-street Sheep Yards for the week ending March 4, 1872: 3,881 Sheep, 37 cows, 79 Veals.

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH

ST. LOUIS, March 4.—FLOUR quiet and weak for all grades below medium; Double Extra Winter, $6 20@$7—latter for choice; Treble Extra, $7 25@$7 65; Family, $7 90@$8 50. WHEAT—No. 2 Spring, 98; No. 3 Red Winter, 91; Winter, $1 07@$1 08; Fall, $1 08; No. 2 Red Winter, $1 09; No. 3 Red, $1 01; Winter Extra, Grain quiet but firm. CORN, sacked, sold at 40c.@42c. OATS sold at 35c. RYE, sacked, sold at 85c.@90c. BACON firm; sales of Shoulders at 6c.; Clear Rib Sides, 7¾c.; Clear Sides, 8¼c. LARD sold at 8¼c. for Shoulders, 6¼c. for Clear Rib Sides, and 7c. for Clear Sides. PORK sold at $3 25. LARD sold at 9c. @10c. WHISKY steady at 84c.@85c.

TOLEDO, March 4.—FLOUR quiet and unchanged. WHEAT shade better but quiet; No. 1 White Michigan, $1 62½; No. 2 White Michigan at 57c.; Corn a shade better and quiet; High Mixed, 46¾c.@46¾c.; Yellow, 46¾c.; Michigan, 46¾c. OATS dull and unchanged; Michigan, 40c. CLOVER-SEED, $5 40 for Michigan, and $5 45@$5 47½. RECEIPTS—5,000 bushels Wheat, 5,000 bushels Corn, 2,000 bushels Oats. SHIPMENTS—3,000 bushels Wheat, 4,000 bushels Corn.

MILWAUKEE, March 4.—FLOUR dull and unchanged. WHEAT steady at $1 28 for No. 1; $1 24½ for No. 2. OATS quiet at 31c. for No. 2. BARLEY dull and CORN steady at 39c. for No. 2 Mixed. RYE dull and a shade lower at 72c. for No. 1. BARLEY dull and unchanged. PORK dull and nominal at $12. RECEIPTS—1,000 bbls. Flour, 9,000 bushels Wheat. SHIPMENTS—3,000 bbls. Flour.

ALBANY, March 4.—There has been a steady milling demand for WHEAT; sales of 80 bags No. 2 Treadwell at $1 70; 1 car No. 1 do. at $1 75; 100 bags fancy White Michigan at $1 90. CORN quiet at 70c.@ 71c. for Western Mixed. No change in BARLEY; sales of 1 car Canada No. 2 at private terms. OATS dull and nominal at 52c.@55c. for common to choice White Western.

CLEVELAND, March 4.—FLOUR quiet and unchanged. WHEAT quiet at $1 59 for No. 1 Red Winter; No. 2 held at $1 50. CORN steady at 52c. OATS quiet at 43c. RYE nominal. PETROLEUM firm at 21c.@21¼c. for car lots; 23¼c.@23c. for small lots. CRUDE nominal; nothing doing.

MEMPHIS, March 4.—FLOUR quiet and unchanged. CORN in good demand at 58c.@60c. OATS firm and in fair demand at 53c.@54c. Bulk MEATS dull; sales of Shoulders at 5¼c.; Clear Sides, 7¾c.@ 7¾c. LARD dull at 9¼c.@10¼c.

CHARLESTON, March 4.—COTTON strong; Middling, 21½c.@21¾c.; net receipts, 497 bales; exports to Great Britain, 1,572 bales; coastwise, 581 bales; sales, 400 bales; stock, 23,072 bales.

SAVANNAH, March 4.—COTTON firm; fair demand; offerings light; Middling, 21¾c.@21¾c.; net receipts, 1,420 bales; export, coastwise, 747 bales; sales, 1,180 bales; stock, 606,206 bales.

NEW-ORLEANS, March 4.—COTTON firmer; Middling, 21¾c.; net receipts, 6,372 bales; gross, 6,602 bales; exports to Liverpool, 2,520 bales; coastwise, 1,292 bales; sales, 3,000 bales; stock, 206,901 bales.

DETROIT, March 4.—WHEAT steady at $1 62 for Extra; $1 57 for No. 1 White; $1 51 for Amber Michigan. CORN steady at 49c.@49¼c. OATS dull and lower at 37c. for White. CLOVER-SEED dull at $5 50.

MOBILE, March 4.—COTTON firm; Middling, 21¾c.@21¼c.; net receipts, 964 bales; sales, 1,200 bales; stock, 52,881 bales.

AUGUSTA, March 4.—COTTON firm; Middling, 21¼c.; receipts, 300 bales; sales, 475 bales.

Revenue Officials Charged with Blackmailing.

FIELDS and LAWRENCE, the two keepers under Deputy Collector DAGGETT, who were charged with extorting $100 from F. GOTTBERGER, were brought before Commissioner OSBORN yesterday for examination. GOTTBERGER testified to the facts as already published, and in answer to questions by counsel, witness said his store had been seized some time before, and a keeper put in; but after a day or two the keeper was withdrawn, and the witness supposed the charge had been abandoned; but Mr. KASMIER, Deputy Collector, told him it would have to be settled, and $200 would do it. "He was after me day after day and week after week," said the witness, "to get that money." Witness did not know who the money was to go to, but he knew KASMIER was to receive it.

A paper was shown the witness, and he was asked if that was the paper shown him by FIELDS and LAWRENCE. He swore positively it was not, as that paper was written in red ink, and was different in form to the exhibit. ALBERT DAGGETT, Deputy Collector, testified that the paper shown was the one he had given to the latter. The case was then adjourned till today.

COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS.

NEW-YORK, Monday, March 4, 1872.

The receipts of the principal kinds of Produce since our last have been as follows:

Ashes, pkls	2	Hops, bales	82
Bees-wax, pkls	2	Hides, No	5,309
Cotton, bales	4,301	Hides, bales	94
Cotton-seed, bags	2,440	Leather, sides	5,908
Cot.-seed Meal, bags	200	Moss, bales	50
Copper, bbls	10	Pork, pkls	230
Copper, cakes	808	Cut-meats, pkls	1,024
Dried Fruit, pkls	9	Grease, pkls	51
Eggs, bbls	572	Lard, pkls	1,192
Flour, bbls	6,151	Lard, kegs	200
Wheat, bushels	7,600	Stearine, pkls	190
Corn, bushels	37,000	Butter, pkls	964
Oats, bushels	4,800	Cheese, pkls	121
Barley, bushels	3,000	Dressed Hogs, No	973
Grass-seed, bags	177	Pea-nuts, bags	267
Flax-seed, bags	4	Rice, pkls	58
Beans, bbls	80	Sugar, (N. O.,) bbls	97
Peas, bushels	900	Tobacco, hhds	104
Broom Corn, bales	222	Tobacco, boxes, &c	288
Corn-meal, bbls	100	Whisky, bbls	461
Corn-meal, bags	550	Wool, bales	36
Hemp, bales	21		

The export clearances since our last, as reported at the Merchants' Exchange, Pine-street, have been as follows:

By the steamer *The Queen*, for Liverpool—1,342,919 lbs. Bacon, 289,191 lbs. Lard, 31,434 lbs. Tallow, 1,850 lbs. Spermaceti, 6,000 staves, 100 tcs. Beef, 11 hhds Tobacco, 2 pks. Lamps, 16,598 bushels Wheat, 17,159 bushels Corn, 2,419 bales Cotton, 537 bols. Pork, 7 bbls. Potatoes, 8 cases Veneers, 5 cases Straw Braid, 2 cases Skins.

By the bark *Feliciana Chiozza*, for Liverpool—41,135 bushels Wheat.

By the steamer *Helvetia*, for London—769,343 lbs. Bacon, 85,533 lbs. Lard, 26,000 lbs. Tallow, 21,133 lbs. Grease, 12,343 lbs. Ham, 90,000 lbs. Cheese, 2,325 lbs. Bees-wax, 3,417 lbs. Tobacco, 5,600 Staves, 25 boxes Perfumery, 14 boxes Clocks, 19 pks. Printing Press, 20 cases Essential Oil, 8 hhds Tobacco, 4 bales Sponges, 1 case Leather, 61,500 bushels Corn, 1,050 bbls. Flour, 299 bbls. Pork, 8 bbls. Gelatine, 650 tcs. Pork, 3,417 bags Clover-seed, 200 bales Hops, 123 pks. Tea, 109 pks. Agricultural Implements, 7 pks. Drugs, 20 cases Oil Peppermint, 4 cases Sewing-machines, 2 cases Hats.

By the ship *Durham*, for London—11,430 bags Oil-cake, 1,500 bales Oil-cake, 5,400 Staves.

By the steamer *Rolf*, for Stettin, &c.—1,215 bags Clover-seed, 15 boxes Pine-apples, 2,800 tcs. Lard, 600 boxes Extract Logwood, 210 hhds. Tallow, 1,149 bbls. Resin.

By the bark *Carolina Premuda*, for Rotterdam—191 hhds. Lard, 950 tcs. Lard, 5,829 bushels Rye, 5,550 Staves, 19 hhds. Tobacco, 100 hhds. Tallow, 290 bbls. Resin.

By the schooner *Lettie Linwood*, for San Blas—4 boxes Hardware, 5 bbls. Corn-meal, 6 bbls. Bread, 10 sacks Salt, 25 dozen Jugs, 10 bbls. Beef, 500 feet Lumber, 3½ dozen Chairs, 20 bbls. Potatoes, 3 bbls. Onions, 1 box Paper, 1 tierce Ham.

By the schooner *Henry Parker*, for Demerara—1,000 bbls. Flour, 150 bbls. Corn-meal, 180 bbls. Pork, 150 bbls. Beef, 25 bbls. Ham, 500 bbls. Bread, 300 bags Corn, 100 bags Bran, 100 bbls. Rice, 2,500 lbs. Lard, 100 boxes Cheese, 300 cases Florida Water, 300 cases Candles, 400 bbls. Potatoes, 175 carboys Acid, 150 cases Oil.

By the brig *Centaur*, for Matanzilla—250 bbls. Flour, 2,078 lbs. Ham, 42 pks. Fish, 20 bbls. Beans, 50 bbls. Potatoes, 20 bbls. Onions, 6,880 lbs. Lard, 1,187 lbs. Butter, 858 Cheese, 26 boxes Tobacco, 100 bbls. Paper, 50 cases Oil, 25 boxes Soap, 12 boxes Candles, 1,849 pieces Board, 1,000 Shooks and Heads, 4,000 Hoops, 60 empty Hogsheads.

By the schooner *Lavinia Bell*, for Antigua—200 bbls. Corn-meal, 185 bbls. Bread, 15 bbls. Pork, 30 boxes Cheese, 100 bags Corn, 150 boxes Candles, 3 bbls. Tobacco, 25 hhds. Oil-meal, 25 bags Peas, 200 reams Paper, 100 cases Petroleum, 6 dozen Chairs, 600 bbls. Flour, 400 Shooks.

By the brig *Tui Lee*, for Rio Janeiro—4 pks. Pumps, 10 bbls. Plaster, 37 pks. Domestics, 64 pks. Clocks, 4 pks. Agricultural Implements, 3,000 cases Refined Petroleum, 547 pks. Machinery, 13 pks. Lamps, 3 cases Leather, 8,400 lbs. Lard, 12 bbls. Shoe-Pegs, 61 pks. Hardware, 61 pks. Drugs, 11 boxes Sewing-machines, 25 cases Spirits Turpentine, 20 bbls. Pitch, 248 pks. Fire-crackers, 38 pks. Wooden-ware, 10 bbls. Alcohol.

By the brig *Tague*, for Porto Plata—450 bbls. Flour, 50 boxes Refined Petroleum, 2,000 lbs. Lard, 10 boxes Chairs, 4,000 lbs. Lard, 25 bbls. Oats, 10 bbls Pork, 593 lbs. Ham, 4 dozen Brooms, 3 dozen Pails, 300 Reams Paper, 4 boxes Matches, 1,551 boxes Soap, 42 bbls. Vegetables, 4,172 lbs. Butter, 20 boxes Cheese, 683 pks. Fish, 24 Musical Instruments, 20 kegs Powder, 1,781 pieces Lumber, 5,000 Shingles, 8 kegs Nails, 9 boxes Boots and Shoes, 1 box Rubber Goods, 1 box Cartridges, 1 box Leather ware.

By the schooner *Capella*, for Port Spain—850 bbls. Flour, 6 dozen Hand cs, 10,000 lbs. Lard, 20 bales Oakum, 200 boxes Herring, 8 boxes Scales, 250 bbls Bread, 86 Oars, 8 hhds. Tobacco, 60 bales Tobacco, 60 bbls. Pork, 32 bbls. Tar, 4 Stoves, 200 cases Oil, 1,000 Reams Paper, 50 bbls. Beef, 100 bbls. Peas, 100 boxes Cheese, 20 boxes Sarsaparilla, 800 bbls. Shooks, 10 bbls. Pitch, 10 dozen Shovels.

And from Baltimore, during the week: For Buenos Ayres, per steamer *Orlana*—48,779 bushels Corn.—For Londonderry, Ireland, Norwegian bark *Deodata*—21,779 bushels Corn....For Pernambuco, North German brig *Voltigeur*—1,821 bbls. Flour.... For Demerara, British brig *Potomac*—4,000

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NEW-YORK, TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 1872.

Amusements This Evening.

NIBLO'S GARDEN.—LA BELLE SAUVAGE.—Mrs. John Wood and Mr. Mark Smith.

WALLACK'S THEATRE.—THE VETERAN—Mr. Lester Wallack, Miss Effie Germon.

ST. JAMES' THEATRE.—MARRIAGE—Mr. Mackaye and Miss Griswold.

BOOTH'S THEATRE.—JULIUS CÆSAR—Mr. Edwin Booth and Mr. William Creswick.

FIFTH-AVENUE THEATRE.—DIVORCE—Characters by company.

OLYMPIC THEATRE.—HUMPTY DUMPTY—Mr. G. L. Fox and Kiralfy Troupe.

UNION-SQUARE THEATRE.—VARIETY PERFORMANCE.

WOOD'S MUSEUM.—DRAMATIC PERFORMANCE AND CURIOSITIES—Afternoon and Evening.

NEW-YORK CIRCUS.—EQUESTRIAN, GYMNASTIC AND ATHLETIC FEATS.

BRYANT'S OPERA-HOUSE.—NEGRO MINSTRELSY—FARCES.

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The *Nation*, which falls into a sort of pious trance whenever SCHURZ is presented to its vision, does not like the tone of this journal toward its idol. Perhaps the summing up of SCHURZ's career made by the *Missouri Democrat*, the most powerful Republican paper of SCHURZ's own State, will be more to its mind. At any rate, the Missouri journal speaks the truth—let any man refute it who can. SCHURZ will get up in the Senate and call the editor "a liar," thereby giving another proof of his unequalled genius—but the truth will still sink deeply into the minds of the people.

It is now asserted that the Husted Erie bill was only intended as a device to draw a report of some kind from the Committee on Railroads, who seemed unaccountably dilatory. If this is so, it was a poor means to accomplish an end which might have been more easily served by prompter methods. Let the Assembly recall the original bill—which amply protects shareholders—or instruct the Committee to report it. This would be vastly better than to allow the miserably defective Husted bill to get before the House with the advantage of a majority report in its favor. The Erie lobby is too powerful to be tendered so great a help.

Alderman VAN SCHAICK'S resolution to rescind the resolution of the old Board, directing the opening of Lafayette-place, was adopted at yesterday's meeting of the Board of Aldermen. We imagine that all concerned will consider themselves very cheaply rid of this very big job, even at the sacrifice of all the excessive expenditures already incurred under this head. It will prove an unquestionable loss to WALTER ROCHE and his colleagues on the Commission, and as it is about the last of the plums which will be placed at the disposal of these worthies, they will doubtless have all the public sympathy they merit. We trust that the Bowling-green depositors will make haste to compel ROCHE to disgorge some of his plunder, now that his visible sources of income are being rapidly cut off.

It will be observed from a report submitted at yesterday's meeting of the Board of Assistant Aldermen, that the Bureau of Assessment Collection, as run by HENRY STARKWEATHER—father-in-law of Gov. HOFFMAN—has been a remarkably good placer for the politicians. In a little over four years, Mr. STARKWEATHER has got out of it, under the head of "fees," $65,624 39. That eminent lobbyist and professional briber, A. D. BARBER, received exactly the same amount. HARRY GENET received for six months of doing nothing at all, $1,712 07, from the same source. That eminent public servant and Savings Bank Manager, HANK SMITH, seems to have got the same amount as BARBER and STARKWEATHER for the honor of having his name on the same pay-roll. TWEED, who appears in the new and unsuspected character of Deputy-Collector of Assessments, got in three years and three months, $101,978 17, and the great Sweeny tribe received through its representative, JAMES M—late Deputy Chamberlain, Clerk of the Superior Court, &c.,—the sum of $59,947 35, between July 1, 1868, and July 31, 1871. Altogether, Mr. STARKWEATHER and his "deputies," divided between them over $516,000 in four years and three months. In this we include $37,311 45, for "political expenses," doubtless incurred for the sake of perpetuating the system which permitted this species of public robbery. To the clerical force who did all the work, there was paid the sum of $44,783 97. Is it not about time that the Governor's father-in-law and the system he represents were dispensed with, as being luxuries far too costly for the present state of the public purse?

The Erie Swindlers.

It cannot be too clearly understood that the simple passage of the repeal of the Erie Classification act of 1869 will not oust the Erie Ring. There must be further legislation, reaching to certain general laws in regard to the creation of railroad shares. There are three or four acts of this character, under each or all of which GOULD could, on thirty days' notice to the Stock Exchange, fabricate as many millions of stock as would swamp the whole power of the *bona fide* English and American stockholders, who are now seeking relief by the repeal of the Classification act.

1. The law authorizing the convertibility of the plain bonds of the Company. Under this authority and by its shameless abuse, about fifty millions of stock were issued and sold all the way from 72½ to 22 cents on the dollar. No longer ago than April, 1871, three millions were made and sold for $650,000, or about twenty-two cents on the dollar. The law is general, and remains unqualified on the statutes of the State of New-York.

2. There is a general law authorizing the capitalization of all leased lines, of which the Erie holds an endless number. This law was used by GOULD and FISK in 1868 to create several millions of stock out of the unproductive lease of the Buffalo and Bradford Coal Road. There are millions of other unproductive bonds and shares open to the same use and abuse.

3. The General Railroad law of 1850 authorizes the conversion of the Mortgage Bonds of this or any other Company, within ten years of their date, and this was used by DREW, in 1864, in the conversion of Fourth Mortgages, when the Stock was selling above par. The fourth was a valid mortgage, recognized in the charter of the Erie Railway as part of the $20,000,000 lien upon the property, standing before the Preferred Stock. Last year GOULD made a general mortgage for $30,000,000, in violation of the charter compact with the Preferred Stockholders, who had surrendered their Bonds against the old New-York and Erie Company, in consideration of being placed first above the original mortgages, in the reorganization. This compact had always been observed down to the time of GOULD and FISK. When it was needful, in 1865, to borrow $3,000,000 or $5,000,000, in Europe, the money was raised on the plain bonds of the Company, with the privilege of conversion into Common Stock. GOULD used up the remainder of the $5,000,000, and now the whole sum, in violation of the compact with the Preferred Stockholders, is proposed to be brought under the general mortgage, on the same footing with $19,000,000 outstanding of the original mortgages.

The $30,000,000 mortgage was enjoined, and the Trustee, (the Farmers' Loan,) as well as GOULD and FISK, restrained from issuing the bonds. But before process was served, the Farmers' Loan had countersigned the extra $6,000,000, (over and above the sums reserved for the old bonds,) and they had been taken out of the office by the Erie people. The whereabouts of these bonds may not be known with certainty outside the Erie and Tammany Rings. Rumor said that when Tammany was getting into hot water, half these bonds were made over to SWEENY, the other half not accounted for. None of the bonds have yet appeared on the market, and it is doubtful whether the Stock Exchange, on the protest of the Preferred Stockholders, would recognize the validity of the mortgage for general dealings on the Exchange. But this would not prevent the conversion of the whole $6,000,000 into Common Stock, if the price of the latter should go up on the repeal of the Classification act, and GOULD should need the new stock to vote upon.

4. Then we have the general statute in regard to leasing connecting properties. This has been made to include the Long Dock, and some half dozen short lines in New-Jersey and in the Southern tier of counties, and more recently certain lines running through the central counties, as noticed a few weeks since by a correspondent of the TIMES. The power to lease is unlimited, and it may be that the Narragansett Steamboat Company is already included, and subject, at any moment, to be capitalized as Erie stock!

It ought not to be necessary to repeal all these general statutes in order to rid the State of the Erie scandal. There should be law enough to punish the notorious and shameless frauds upon this great property, and to oust the wrong-doers by summary process at the instance of the Attorney-General, admitting no delay and no legal subterfuge. Such a law was found effectual in 1868 to suspend DREW and drive him to New-Jersey. And if, as now stated, it has been repealed or modified in the interest of the Erie Ring, new powers to the Courts and Attorney-General should be promptly voted by a Republican and Reform Legislature. If this cannot be done, because of Erie money and Erie counsel, we may well despair of the repeal of the statutes above named, authorizing the unlimited creation of bonds and leases for conversion into Erie stock.

Gen. Porter's Evidence.

A few weeks ago any regular reader of those fraternal sheets, the *World* and *Tribune*, would not have failed to believe that Gen. HORACE PORTER, the President's Secretary, was interested in the General Order business. It was through this charge that the effort was made to fasten on the President the suspicion of corruption, and it was by Gen. PORTER that the influence of the "mysterious power" insinuated by Senator SCHURZ was supposed to be exercised. Everything connected with Gen. PORTER'S private affairs, that could be distorted to meet this view of the case, was so distorted. Did he eat at the same table with Lieut. LEET? That was in order that he might receive the President's share of LEET'S profits as a contribution to "the mess." Did he receive a half-dozen gallons of sherry for his table? That was a bribe which the Chief Executive doubtless knew something about. Did he dine with a Collector elect? He was unquestionably arranging that division of the spoils which every fair-minded man must instantly see, was the only plausible occasion for such a meeting. These and like insinuations were daily paraded before the public with a deliberate intent to create the impression that the President, through his Secretary, was interested in the perquisites of the New-York Custom-house, and as it was impossible to reply definitely to innuendoes so indefinite, the slanderers were, until the present time, left pretty much to their own devices.

But the testimony of Gen. PORTER himself, yesterday, sets at rest, at once and entirely, the stories they have been circulating so assiduously. That gentleman denies point-blank that he was interested, directly or indirectly, in the General Order or any other business. He produces a letter from Mr. GRINNELL supporting the assertion. He shows that the "mess" with LEET was an ordinary arrangement for housekeeping, toward which LEET'S contribution was never over about $50 a month. He declares that LEET was discouraged by the President from taking any connection with the New-York Custom-house, and shows a letter written at the time which establishes the fact. He proves by a letter of GRINNELL'S that LEET was not given the General Order business on account of any recommendation from the Executive Mansion, and that for his own part, he (PORTER) specially disclaimed any influence in the matter of appointments. And finally Gen. PORTER produced a letter from the President to Mr. Collector MURPHY, in which he warns the Collector that no one has any right to use his name to secure any political or personal favor, and requesting that if any present themselves with such pretensions, they shall be turned away, or if any have been appointed, that they shall be discharged.

Gen. PORTER'S testimony is very clear and straightforward, and completely disperses the slanders leveled at him, and through him at the President. We do not expect the authors of those charges to retract them—that would be the act of honest men. Nor even to discontinue them—that would be the part of discreet politicians. But we do expect that the public, which neither wants to be President nor feels bound to "break down" a possible candidate for the Presidency, will dismiss the slanders and the slanderers alike, with a sense of relief that both have been disposed of by the production of the simple truth.

The Pennsylvania Railroad.

The recent annual report of the Pennsylvania Railroad contains many points of interest, not only to the stockholders, but to the community in general. As the eastern terminus of the road, since the lease of the New-Jersey lines, is practically Jersey City, the people of New-York have a very direct concern in some of these points.

The Pennsylvania Railroad itself extends from Philadelphia to Pittsburg, with the exception of one short section. This section is leased and worked by the Company, and needs no particular notice. A railroad like this, more than three hundred and fifty miles long, would, within the recollection of a great many people, who are neither bald nor gray, have been considered a stupendous affair. In the original railroad line between Albany and Buffalo, the largest distance controlled by any one company was the eighty miles between Schenectady and Utica. Even that was looked upon as a very great power to give to one corporation, and the Company was watched with no inconsiderable degree of jealousy. The Pennsylvania Railroad, even if it were terminated by the Delaware and Monongahela Rivers, would be over four times this length, and making all allowance for the change in currency and prices, fully three times as costly, in proportion to the extent, as the Schenectady and Utica Road was at that time. In other words, it would be more than twelve times as great an affair. But the line from Philadelphia to Pittsburg is only a small part of what is under the direction of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. It controls, in addition, at least ten times this extent of road, or over three thousand five hundred miles. Some of this is perhaps not worth a great deal; but most of it is very valuable, and a portion of it, particularly the lines between New-York and Philadelphia, exceedingly so. It is impossible to compute with any exactness the pecuniary value of the property controlled by this immense concern; but two hundred, or, perhaps, two hundred and fifty millions of dollars would not be an extravagant estimate. And this property is continually and very rapidly increasing. During the last year the Company acquired, by the lease of the property of the united railroad companies of New-Jersey, what was formerly considered to be in itself an interest of gigantic dimensions.

Whether a power of the extent and influence which we have thus briefly sketched, is on the whole for the good of the community is a question which admits of a good deal of argument on both sides. As matters now stand, we have little doubt that the property thus controlled is managed more to the advantage of the public in general, and the parties immediately concerned, than would be likely under a less concentrated arrangement. But when we ask what security there is that this will always continue to be the state of things, we are at a loss to obtain a very satisfactory answer. At present the affairs of the Company are, we are fully persuaded, conducted with remarkable skill and integrity. But the men who direct its business are most of them no longer young, and must, in the ordinary course of nature, soon give place to others. Who will those others be, and what will be their character? This is an inquiry which the lapse of time alone can settle, and to which the lapse of time, in the case of large corporations in former years, has not always given a favorable reply.

One of the most interesting portions of the annual report of the Company is the increase of the freight, as compared with the passenger business. It requires no great stretch of memory to go back to the time when railroads were considered by the great majority of people as entirely unfit to carry heavy freight for long distances. Now, thousands of tons of the most bulky articles go hundreds of miles by railroad; and the quantity thus carried is growing every year in a very rapid ratio. The Pennsylvania Railroad Company is only one instance of this, the experience of other roads, both in Europe and America, being uniformly of a similar character.

The Pennsylvania Railroad is mainly controlled in Philadelphia; and, as far as is consistent with the revenue to the stockholders, is managed with direct regard to the prosperity of that city. We know that this is stoutly denied by some Philadelphians, who claim that undue favors are shown to New-York. But such individuals forget that a railroad is not a charitable institution, and that in order to pay the holders of the stock an income from their investment, conveniences and facilities similar to those provided by competing companies must be furnished to the travel and freight between the great West and the commercial Metropolis of the country.

The consideration of the report of this particular Company suggests a number of questions in regard to our whole railroad system in the United States. One of these is the inquiry where the increase of our railroads is to stop. There must be a limit somewhere to the amount of money that can profitably be spent in carrying people and things from one place to another. May not this limit be reached before our railroad men are aware? But if it should be, they will at least have the consolation of knowing that it is not the first time in the history of the world when men have made their arrangements for an amount of business to which the means of the public unfortunately failed to respond.

Shall the Majority Govern?

The Greeley faction have made the most notable discovery of the age; that is, that it is the right of the minority to control the majority. The mass of the Republican Party honor and confide in Gen. GRANT. They find that the country has prospered under his Administration, and they earnestly desire to continue a state of things productive of such good results. The malcontents say no! This is a question not to be decided by the majority. The minority have a voice in the matter, and it is a voice that must be respected. We are not to be paralyzed by an old saw, that wisdom goes with numbers. The convenient rule that the majority shall govern has had its day. The majority may rule, indeed, if it will be engineered by us, and makes the selection for Presidential candidate that we prefer, but not otherwise. If they consent to that, then the party continues in the most harmonious relations. But if, as we perceive, the majority are resolved upon a different course; if, despite our remonstrances, they are still determined to renominate Gen. GRANT, then and in that case, we demur—we will not submit.

This is just the position of the *Tribune* and its slender following. A few country papers, and at most half a dozen Senators at Washington, set up this new doctrine, and endeavor to justify themselves by a series of foul assaults upon the Administration. Such an attempt to reverse the binding force of all party organizations is too feebly sustained by any logical conclusions, or by any existing necessity, to be seriously criticised. And yet we must deal with it as we would deal with any false pretense that may for a moment attract attention, though sure of being ultimately discarded.

All political disorganizers go to work in that amiable, conscientious way. Motives may be various, but the object is the same. It is to break down and build up amid the ruins of the past—to cast away accumulated capital, and create a new currency—to reject the lessons of experience, and try the merits of a fresh experiment. An ambitious or corrupt subordinate has not received all the deference he imagines himself entitled to, or all the pay his services have merited. He demands a larger field, or a higher position than has been accorded to him heretofore. The demand is peremptory—it is no humble request, to be disposed of upon its reasonableness, or with reference to the exigency of the occasion. The judgment of the tribunal referred to is adverse to the claim. It may be refused altogether, or merely postponed to a future day.

Your injured suitor falls back upon his "reserved rights." He infuses a mutinous spirit into his followers, and resolves to depose the power he cannot subdue to his wishes.

This is the feeling that has brought the Republican Party into its present condition. The party is reduced to this alternative, either to be governed and guided by its old, long-established rules, by the will of the majority of its members, ascertained by familiar methods, or yield to an usurpation that would be sure to end in destruction. No party is exempt from *émeutes* of this character, originating with designing men, and pushed for bad purposes. They are the necessary incidents and unavoidable perils of all voluntary associations. The patriotic intentions of the large majority are, in the natural order of things, checked by the sinister views of the interested minority. The Republican Party happens to be passing through an ordeal of this kind. Its intelligent majority are called upon to surrender their authority at the behest of a faction, to submit to a galling and unendurable sacrifice for the sake of a peace that would heal no wounds, and render future triumphs out of the question. It has to choose between two courses—the well-beaten track that has heretofore led to victory and safety, or some devious opening, suddenly spread out to view, that can only end in the mazes of confusion and ruin.

"No Technical Objections."

When the Grand Jury found their indictments against HALL, he loudly and ostentatiously professed his extreme anxiety to have a speedy trial. His burning impatience even outran the preparations of the public prosecutor, and the convenience of the Judge who had been selected to try the case. This greatly maligned official was so conscious of his own rectitude, that to rest for another week under an untried indictment seemed to be perfectly intolerable. When the trial did come on, people expected that the Mayor and his counsel would exhibit all the contemptuous disregard for quibbling objections and little points of form which would so well befit men conscious of the overwhelming strength of their own case, and fully convinced of the pitiful weakness of that of the prosecution. When the trial opened we heard something of this noble disregard of technical obstacles to a great public inquiry, and of this implicit confidence in the result of the most searching legal tests which could be instituted. In the course of the wrangling over the selection of jurors, it became apparent that this sort of talk was intended purely for effect. Now that the examination of the witnesses has begun, the anxiety for a thorough investigation takes the form of a determined effort to stop every avenue of getting at the truth, to admit nothing, not even the existence of the Board of Audit, of which proof has not been formally adduced, and so to wrangle and object, that the real point at issue may be hidden under a cloud of words, and the jury and the public effectually wearied and confused about the entire business.

We have no wish to say a word to interfere with Mayor HALL'S chance of a perfectly fair trial. The question before the jury is a very simple one, and could have been very fully laid before the jury in a couple of days had the Mayor and his counsel exhibited the same thorough disregard of technical objections which they professed. HALL never denied the existence of the Board of Audit, and does not, we presume, intend to deny that he signed certain certificates of audit under the resolution passed by that Board. If he proposes to show that his signature to any of these certificates was forged, his counsel can do that without resisting every step which is taken to prove the form and the existence of the papers in question. If his plea, on the other hand, be that of purely "ministerial responsibility," it is perfectly immaterial how many of the alleged signatures can be proved, and the sooner the attention of the jury is directed to this plain issue, the better for the accused and for the ends of justice. The counsel for the people are sufficiently impressed with the magnitude of the trust committed to them, to insist on their witnesses being properly heard. We say nothing to prejudice the case. We only express a hope that it will be thoroughly heard on both sides, and that strict justice will be meted out.

The Coming Comet.

A few weeks since a Swiss newspaper informed its readers that M. PLANTAMOUR, an astronomer of extraordinary skill, had predicted the arrival, early next August, of a comet which would come into collision with the earth. It is undeniable that this story has produced considerable uneasiness in Europe, among the unscientific and credulous people who put faith in their newspapers, and unless the fictitious character of both M. PLANTAMOUR and his comet should be established, there are multitudes who will watch uneasily for the coming of the fiery stranger.

Years ago, the dread of a cometary collision was quite common. The comet was then supposed to be a wholly independent body, which in utter scorn of the planetary time-table ran its erratic course heedless of the safety of itself and of the planets. Since then we have learned that the comets of our solar system are as regular in their habits as our oldest and steadiest planets, and that they are, moreover, for the most part, constituted of such tenuous vapor that a collision between the largest of them and the earth would be imperceptible, except in the form of a slight increase in the haziness of the atmosphere. It is true that a degree of irresolution is sometimes shown by these bodies—as in the case of the susceptible comet which was detained in its route by the fascinations of the moons of Jupiter—still it was conceded that this particular comet intended no violence, but, like a very young man who meets a bevy of pretty boarding-school girls taking the air together, was induced to pause in admiration until the seductive moons were led away by their matronly planet.

The comet of M. PLANTAMOUR is not, however, one of the tamed, domesticated, and eminently respectable comets of our system, but a wild and dangerous wanderer from the interstellar wildernesses. Of its constitution, whether gaseous or solid, it is yet impossible to judge, but we are assured that it is of enormous size, and is heading directly toward the earth. Should it consist of burning hydrogen, it would hardly fail to add very unpleasantly to the heat of August, while, if it is a solid body, it will undoubtedly smash the earth to pieces, and convert it into scores of small meteoric bodies.

An elaborate calculation of the force with which it will strike shows that, while everything at the point of collision will be pulverized, all objects on the opposite side of the earth will be driven into space, there to revolve on orbits of their own. Thus, should the comet strike the American Continent, the region of space directly under our feet would be filled with the fragments of China, while meteoric tea-chests and aerolite Chinamen would thenceforth circle forever round the sun in orbits of greater or less eccentricity. This fact will become a matter of immense importance when the time of collision draws near. So long as a choice remains, no one who can become an independent aerolite will prefer to remain where he must inevitably be smashed. We may, therefore, expect to find the greater part of the human race collected next August on that hemisphere where they will be safe from pulverization, but whence they will start in endless journeyings through space. Whether the ingenuity of inventors will provide patent safety planets, filled with condensed food and affording room for small families, so that the horrors of solitary traveling may be avoided, remains to be seen. At all events, lovers who await the shock clasped in each other's arms, can look forward with certainty to a union which will never be broken until the force of gravity shall lose its power.

Lovers, however, may not be the only ones who will be compelled to journey hand-in-hand together. Imagination recoils from the contemplation of the fate of that indiscreet husband who may incautiously be found near his mother-in-law at the moment of collision, and thus be forced to form with her a new sort of double star, whose fitful light, as the fiery old lady and the saddened husband should alternately present themselves to the observer, would challenge the spectroscope in vain. We may, however, fancy Mayor HALL seeking courage from the presence of his Tammany friends, and thus becoming a new Saturn, surrounded by a ring wherein the diamonds of TWEED would flash with the brilliancy of the self-luminous stars; and danced about by attendant and perpetually full-faced moons, in the shape of HORACE GREELEY and NATHANIEL SANDS. Should the dispossessed inhabitants of earth join that wonderful meteoric belt from which our November meteors come, they will contribute to such other planets as their orbits may cross showers far more interesting to the Venusian or Martial astronomers than the common-place showers of meteoric iron have been to M. PLANTAMOUR and his brethren.

But, after all, it is not probable that the predicted catastrophe will occur. There is no good reason to suppose that the theory of the astronomer, PLANTAMOUR, has any existence except in the brain of the writer for the *Swiss Times*, and there is a plain impossibility of predicting the path of a strange comet that has not yet passed its perihelion. Even were a new comet, coming from beyond the bounds of our system, to be discovered there would be no good reason to dread it. As a great authority has said, the impingement of a comet upon the earth would only be like a body of vapour dashing across a cannon ball.

The Opponents of the Charter.

Among the persons who are striving with might and main to secure the defeat of the Charter prepared by the Committee of Seventy, which will come up before the Senate Committee to-day, there is no one who is more conspicuous than GEORGE W. VAN NORT, the present Commissioner of Public Works. As Mr. VAN NORT was installed into his position after the defeat of the Tammany Ring, many people have been led to think that he was a Reformer, and are consequently surprised at his conduct. To such persons it is important that the truth should be known. It is no cause for surprise that VAN NORT should be seen opposing the work of the Seventy, or any other measure of reform. That is what he was appointed for, and he is only working for his own bread and butter, and for those who placed him in his present position. The fact that he opposes a measure is as good a proof as can be given that it is injurious to the Ring, and beneficial to the tax-payers at large; for he is really but WILLIAM M. TWEED, under the cloak of respectability.

Not only was he named for the position of Superintendent of Public Works by TWEED, but, to secure Mayor HALL'S action, TWEED'S resignation was placed by him in the hands of HANK SMITH, and was not delivered to HALL until the appointment of VAN NORT was made out and signed. SMITH also accompanied VAN NORT when sworn in by Mayor HALL, and arranged for his bondsmen, and for his action in this matter has been rewarded with a liberal share of the patronage of the office.

The success that has attended the appointment of VAN NORT has astonished no one more than the Ring themselves. It was mainly intended as a "flank movement" to prevent TWEED'S summary ejection from the position the instant the Legislature convened. HALL even stated that the appointment was only *ad interim*, and in anticipation of legislative action. In addition, it was hoped that through VAN NORT the claim for "water meters," in which TWEED and the Ring are so largely interested, and for which a bill of $272,000 has been presented to the Board of Audit, might be paid by the City, and he had to pledge himself in favor of it to secure the appointment, but there was little or no expectation of his being allowed to remain.

Now, however, as these facts have passed a little out of sight, and the anticipated "legislative action" has not been had, Mr. VAN NORT calmly assumes to be authorized to speak for the "City," and to oppose the Seventy's Charter as not in accordance with the requirements of "the people."

It is, therefore, well for the Senate Committee to understand that when this gentleman speaks thus of the "City," he means the "Ring," and by "the people" Mr. TWEED and himself.

MINOR TOPICS.

On Sunday last it was reported in Washington that the Japanese would attend the Metropolitan Methodist Church. As a consequence, hundreds of idle people flocked to the church, but as the Japanese did not make their appearance, the audience was disappointed. So far the affair was commonplace and unobjectionable. But the pastor of the church, not wishing to have it supposed that the audience had been drawn together on false pretenses, publicly assured those present that he had not authorized the announcement that the Japanese would attend his church, but that on the next Sunday he thought he could confidently promise that they would be present. For a pastor to advertise a week in advance that those attending his ministrations would have an opportunity to stare at the Japanese, is certainly a singular proceeding. If Japanese may be used to draw a church audience, why should not other objects of curiosity be also employed to the same good end? The Washington pastor can hardly draw the line at Japanese ambassadors, and he would find it difficult to show why Japanese jugglers might not be similarly employed, with equal propriety. A Methodist service, if used with operatic music, and with feats of Japanese jugglery introduced just prior to the sermon, would undoubtedly draw large houses, but what would the pious WESLEYS have said to such a profanation?

The *World* recently issued an almanac. This was not a very extraordinary feat, but the *World* has ever since been overwhelmed with a sense of the wonderful value of that almanac. Day after day it discovers something new in that publication, and straightway expresses its surprise and admiration in the most emphatic terms. One day it breaks off a column of solemn denunciation of the President for his wicked popularity with the people, in order to exclaim: "See here! the *World* almanac positively has a list of all the days of the year!" Another day its praise of Senator SCHURZ is interrupted while it breaks into the cry, "Good heavens, that *World* almanac contains statistical tables that are really astonishing," or "that *World* almanac is as 'choke full of sence' as Sol Gills himself!" Doubtless the *World* believes all it says about its almanac, and we must admit that it is a very much better almanac than the much puffed "*Tribune* Almanac," which is stuffed full of errors from beginning to end.

It is asserted by the cable that the Pope is actually engaged in packing up his private portable property in order to abandon Rome; and it is further said that Trent is to afford him an asylum. The Pope may intend to leave Rome temporarily in order to attend the Ecumenical Council, which, it was rumored a few days ago, is soon to be called together either in Malta or that vague locality which the cable calls Treat. That he has no idea of permanently abandoning the Vatican is the conviction of all persons who are acquainted with the present condition and prospects of the Papacy. He has everything to gain by remaining in Rome, and appealing to the sympathies of the faithful on the ground that he is insulted by the presence of Sardinian troops under his palace windows. While in Rome he can embarrass the Italian Government, and profit by all its mistakes. The moment he has abandoned the capital, the National Government will be able to carry out its schemes for the improvement of the city unhampered, and the contrast which will thus be afforded between the enlightened Government of the King and the suspicious despotism of the Pope, will greatly injure his chances of ever returning to rule in the city which he still claims to own. The Pope may be obstinate, but neither he nor his advisers are deficient in cunning, and we may be sure he will never make the false move of abandoning the Vatican.

The suggestions of the TIMES as to the advantages to be derived by our energetic young men from canoeing have borne fruit in the formation of a canoe club in this City, which proposes to undertake regattas and other nautical amusements. It should be remembered, however, that the object of the canoe is not to sail races but to cruise. Men who expect to find the speed of the shell-boat and the comfort of the yacht in a canoe will be disappointed. It, however, does afford precisely what is needed for a cheap and pleasant excursion over the endless water courses of this country. Unless the indiscretion of the club in the matter of races should bring the canoe into disrepute, it is sure to be immensely popular when put to its legitimate use.

It is astonishing how culpably careless people are about their wills, and what trouble they thus entail upon survivors. Some years ago Lord HENRY SEYMOUR, brother of the late Marquis of HERTFORD, died in Paris, leaving his property, which amounted to about $500,000 a year, to the hospices of London and Paris. Lord HENRY, although legally the son of an English peer, and resident in Paris, had never been in England, and thus, no doubt, came to employ a French expression in making his will. The word led to a dispute among various institutions in England, and much money was wasted at law before a satisfactory arrangement was arrived at. Lately, a Mr. BRISCOE, who had, for about forty years, been a Magistrate and member of Parliament, and might, therefore, be presumed to know something of business, or at all events to employ some one about his will who did, left a legacy to "The Victoria Hospital." No sooner did this fact come to light than two claimants were promptly in the field, viz: The City of London Hospital, in Victoria Park, of which Mr. BRISCOE had for twenty years been a supporter, and the Victoria Hospital for sick children, to which he had not contributed. The Court of Chancery decided in favor of the institution in which he had so long evinced an interest.

C. L. R. forwards us $10 for the Children's Aid Society.

The Judiciary Investigation Committee—The Proceedings Yesterday.

An open session of the Judiciary Investigation Committee was held at 6 o'clock last evening, to consider the several acts relating to the reorganization of the local Judicial Districts of New-York, and to hear argument thereon. All the Committee were present except Messrs. HILL and TILDEN. Mr. PRINCE occupied the chair. Of the District Judges who are affected by these acts, there were present Judges PORTER, QUINN, MAGUIRE and KOCH. Mr. CHARLES S. SPENCER appeared in their behalf, as did Mr. DAWSON.

Mr. SPENCER said he understood the Committee were prepared to hear argument on the bills which had been introduced in the Legislature to reorganize the local Judicial districts of this City. These bills were of the most sweeping character, and contemplated a total change in the Judiciary, from the Marine Court downward. He wished to know what bills the Committee now had on which they wished to take testimony or hear argument.

The Chairman said the only bills now in the hands of the Committee were those introduced by Mr. TWOMBLY and Mr. JOHN FOLEY. There were others of a similar nature, but they were at Albany.

Mr. SPENCER asked if there had been any charges made against the Judges that these bills proposed to legislate out of office, or if any petitions had been filed against them, or, indeed, if any specific reasons had been assigned why they should be ousted from their places.

The Chairman said the bills were simply for reorganizing the local Judiciary system. He was not aware that any charges of misconduct had been made against any of the gentlemen who would be affected by them.

Mr. SPENCER then asked that the matter be postponed for the present, to allow time to examine all the bills at Albany relating to this subject.

Some discussion took place, and it was finally agreed to consider the whole subject of the local Judiciary Courts of New-York next Tuesday at Albany. The Committee then adjourned. Later in the evening it reassembled in secret session, and did not adjourn till nearly 10.

The bill of Mr. FOLEY is entitled "An act to amend an act to reduce the several acts relating to the District Courts of New-York into one act, passed April 13, 1857, and the several acts passed amendatory thereof supplemental thereto." It was understood that Mr. FOLEY would be present to speak on this bill, but for some reason he was absent; and several other gentlemen who were expected to be present in favor of the bills did not put in an appearance.

AMUSEMENTS.

Dramatic.

MRS. WOOD AT NIBLO'S GARDEN.

Mrs. JOHN WOOD, fresh from her newest London triumphs, and from the "indorsement" of that Maecenas of letters and of art, Mr. CHARLES READE, appeared last night at Niblo's Garden. The lady has not acted here before in three years. Her audience, despite the bad weather, was numerous, and her greeting was cordial. The piece chosen was Mr. BROUGHAM'S burlesque, or rather extravaganza, of "Pocahontas," rearranged and rechristened as "La Belle Sauvage." Thus altered, the production is said to have been acted 250 nights in London. There is certainly a good deal of fun in it, and that for which the author is responsible is not only clever but unobjectionable. This encomium does not apply to all of the interpolations, and some of the "business" is in decidedly bad taste. Perhaps this in some measure accounts for the extravaganza's success. It is at all events certain that what may best be described as the music-hall part of the business is most heartily applauded by the audience, and that the music-hall part of the business is not the best of it.

Of Mrs. JOHN WOOD, it is fair to say that she makes the most of the material with which she has to work. With a voice somewhat worn and thin she produces an infinite number of lively and melodious effects in an exacting succession of songs and concerted pieces. With a face somewhat immobile and at any rate not endowed by nature with variety of expression—always except such as can be conveyed by a pair of uncommonly fine eyes—she yet contrives always to suggest her meaning, and that sometimes in a very happy manner. Mrs. WOOD'S best point is perhaps her action, which is singularly free and dashing. The absence of constraint in this wise is always agreeable, and, in a part so full of pantomime as *Pocahontas*, is displayed in a style quite refreshing. The lady's dancing, too, is remarkably finished and agile, and—barring the everlasting *can-can*, which, it seems, must be thrust in to wind up the third act—is throughout a pleasure to see. Mrs. WOOD dresses *Pocahontas* exquisitely, and, from the rapturous plaudits that greeted her entrance to the hearty call that summoned her before the curtain at the close, her reappearance was marked by hearty encouragement from the public.

Mr. MARK SMITH is capital in *Powhatan*. He may think it a poor compliment to be liked better in such a rôle than in others more "legitimate," but his humor, his figure, his voice and his manner are all so felicitously adapted to the gigantic and eccentric Indian chieftain that he must forgive the expression of the preference. Mr. SMITH sings and dances most effectively, and won last night, to cap his hearty reception, almost unbounded applause. Mr. G. W. ANSON, the *Capt. John Smith* of the occasion, is an experienced and versatile artist, and helps the piece amazingly; but *can't* he get on without singing? To be out of tune so perpetually as he is becomes simply excruciating, and it takes all the favor that Mr. ANSON really deserves in other respects to condone the effect of his unfortunate vocal efforts. Miss EMILY WESTON is a pretty girl, and a promising actress, and did what she had to do in both farce and extravaganza very nicely indeed. In both pieces Mr. A. W. YOUNG, well and pleasantly remembered at Wallack's some time back, also made agreeable impressions. The management at Niblo's have taken their customary pains to put "La Belle Sauvage" worthily on the stage, and with its immense store of songs, jigs, choruses, breakdowns and pretty dresses to back Mrs. JOHN WOOD'S undoubted popularity, the piece will probably hold the boards here for some weeks to come.

BOOTH'S THEATRE—"JULIUS CÆSAR."

Last night saw a notable change in the cast of "Julius Cæsar." Mr. EDWIN BOOTH assumed the rôle of *Cassius*, and Mr. WILLIAM CRESWICK that of *Brutus*. We have before indicated our reasons for believing that Mr. BOOTH would give a more satisfying delineation of the former character than of the latter. *Cassius* is a part in every way suited to Mr. BOOTH'S genius. His conceptions are marked oftener by intensity than by breadth. Hence we find him most successful in the portrayal of what, for want of a better name, we may call the selfish passions. Envy, malignant hatred, avarice, or cunning, for instance, we should expect him to simulate more effectively than magnanimity or exalted patriotism. This, we need hardly say, is with the actor a matter entirely of artistic disposition, not at all of moral bent. On the stage all passions are equal; those having most worth, whose representation is most striking or instructive. To the eye of art the villain of the drama is often a more agreeable object than the immaculate hero.

The same mental constitution which enables Mr. BOOTH to play *Iago* better than *Othello*, would naturally make his *Cassius* more satisfactory than his *Brutus*. In both *Iago* and *Cassius*, nominally subordinate parts, but really considered merely as character studies, the most exacting in their respective plays, the immediate motive of the action is the same, as well as the means used to give it effect. In each envy is the inspiration and craft the lever of its execution. But the cunning of the one works to a noble end, and that of the other to a base one. Just as the envy of *Cassius* has its rise in thwarted ambition, and of *Iago* in insatiate malice, more minute variations are to be found in the dispositions of each. *Iago* is cool, wily, calculating, treacherous. *Cassius* is fiery, passionate, vindictive, is a schemer in spite of himself, impatient of his own intrigues. In the Roman even the vices are grandiose, as in the Italian all is base. Add to this the original generosity of *Cassius'* nature, warped by disappointment, but still here and there struggling to assert itself, and the key to the character, complex and perverse as it is, is tolerably clear.

From the beginning of the drama it is evident that SHAKESPEARE intended *Cassius* as a foil to his nobler, high-minded and better balanced associate. The latter, loving *Cæsar* tenderly, is slowly moved to a deed he abhors by the conviction that his country demands the sacrifice of affection to patriotism.

"This was the noblest Roman of them all:
All the conspirators save only he
Did that they did in envy of great Cæsar."

So in regard to the malversation of *Lucius Pella*, the inflexible integrity of *Brutus* contrasts with the facile connivance of *Cassius*. Throughout the same difference is to be noted. *Brutus* tolerant, generous, magnanimous, thinking always first of his country; *Cassius* suspicious, sour, proscriptive, thinking first always of himself. Over the dead body of *Cæsar* he exalts chiefly in the after fame of the deed. In the last scene again his inexpressible vanity breaks forth: "I am a soldier," he tells *Brutus*, "older in practice, abler than yourself to make conditions." Always and everywhere his pride is pre-eminent.

In the last two acts, indeed, the hunger of a jealousy appeased, and the imminence of the crisis calling forth all his energies, *Cassius* is another and a better man, as SHAKESPEARE'S wonderful art does not fail to notice and record. But up to that point, to epitomize the difference in a word—the *Brutus* of the play is a patriot, the *Cassius* a politician. Herein it is to be observed, and the same remark holds true generally of the personages and incidents of the play, SHAKESPEARE has not deviated from the generally-received historical accounts. PLUTARCH says of *Cassius* that even in his youth he was noted for his inflated egotism and irritable temper.

We have been at pains to make this brief and necessarily incomplete analysis of the character of *Cassius*, because it is sometimes misconceived, and because without a nice appreciation of it much of the beauty of Mr. BOOTH'S interpretation must be lost. To say that this is carefully studied, intelligent, and consistent throughout, is to do it scanty justice. More than this, it is permeated with an intense and electric vitality, which is not always a feature of Mr. BOOTH'S acting, and which must set this part among his foremost representations. To point out its many excellencies would be no light task. We cannot refrain, however, from noting the delicately shaded delivery of the first appeal to *Brutus*, and the declaration, action, and posing in the assassination scene, which are all exceedingly fine and picturesque. So, too, in the quarrel scene, where the better nature of the man breaks forth, Mr. BOOTH'S *Cassius* leaves nothing to ask in impetuosity and tenderness. But, indeed, it is altogether a finished work of art. The very defects that, in our judgment, detracted from the excellence of his *Brutus* help to make his *Cassius* one of Mr. BOOTH'S very best delineations.

Mr. CRESWICK delivers the lines of *Brutus* with correctness and care, and acts with ease and dignity. If his performance presents no traits to call for original comment, it offers as little to provoke disapproval. Mr. CRESWICK'S bearing and gesture are especially commendable. The rest of the cast we have noticed so often before that particular reference is now needless. We may add, in conclusion, however, that in its new shape "Julius Cæsar" was more effective than ever, and will, we doubt not, enter on a new lease of popularity.

WOOD'S MUSEUM.

An extravaganza entitled "Luna;" or, "The Little Boy who Cried for the Moon," and the sterling old farce of "A Bull in a China-shop," were the principal attractions at Wood's Museum last evening, though a very large proportion of the audience were doubtless attracted by a desire to see the four Fijian cannibals recently imported by Mr. P. T. BARNUM. These cannibals comprise three men and one woman, the latter a young lady who has just attained her twentieth year, and who is a Princess in her own right. The specimens of savage life were introduced to the audience by Mr. BARNUM, and represented a variety of war-songs and dances with great spirit, the dwarf "Ra Blau" making himself particularly conspicuous by his agility. In the extravaganza, Misses PAULINE MARKHAM, BELLE HOWITT and THERESE WOOD and Mr. SHELDON appear. The piece abounds with puns, local hits, songs and dances, and is well placed upon the stage. The cannibals can be seen throughout the day in the lecture-room.

Musical.

THE SEASON OF OPERA.

The return of the Strakosch Italian Opera Troupe to the Academy of Music, attracted to that spacious theatre one of the largest and brightest gatherings that has ever graced its auditorium. Every seat was occupied, and no standing-room at all worthy of the name was to be had long before the curtain rose. "Mignon" reintroduced to the audience Miss NILSSON, Mlle. DUVAL, MM. CAPOUL and JAMET, and Mr. LYALL. M. THOMAS' opera was listened to with the intelligent pleasure springing from an increased acquaintance with the score, and was much applauded. Well-worn ideas and well-worn forms—more numerous than the early representations disclosed—are apparent as the intimacy ripens, but the composer's skill and taste as a harmonist so far toward softening the effect of trivialities and commonplaces. A great deal of the music in "Mignon" will endure so long as graceful themes and elegant settings are appreciated. The duet of the swallows, for instance, the romance, "Conosci tu quel suol," the pretty interlude in form of a *gavotte*, the quaint *styrienne*, the polonaise, and the air "Ah! non credea," will bear frequent repetition. To name these numbers of the work is to mention the points of its recital, yesterday, at which the delight of the hearers was expressed by most applause. In its entirety, *Mignon* is among the parts by which Miss NILSSON will be best remembered, both as an actress and as a singer. In the two capacities she exacted, on the occasion we write of, as large a tribute of laurels as during the Winter season. In picturing the *sauvagerie* of the gypsy, the longing of the exile for the sunny land from which she has so long been estranged, the amusing jealousy of *Felina's* rival, and the varied moods of the maiden in the last act, the old impression of a talent not to be surpassed on the the lyric stage, was wrought. And in the most striking passages of the opera, the expressive delivery and delicious vocalization of the songstress were admired after the familiar fashion. Thus, in act the first, "Conosci quel suol" and the "Duo delle rondinelle" were redemanded; in the second act, the *styrienne* awakened a request for repetition which ought to have had a more liberal acknowledgment; thus again, in act the third, the impassioned fragments of the music elicited hearty plaudits. It is needless to say that Miss NILSSON'S reappearance was the signal for a flattering demonstration, and that her path was literally strewn with flowers. For the credit of the management, it is pleasant to add that the merits of the artists surrounding the prima donna are sufficiently decided to suffer in no respect from the comparison. It would be hard to find a more graceful and fervid representative of *Guglielmo* than M. CAPOUL; a more touching and dignified personation of *Lotario* than that supplied by M. JAMET, or a more captivating and brilliant *Felina* than the comédienne whom Mlle. DUVAL pictures. A rapturous encore followed M. CAPOUL'S romance in the first act, and the dash of Mlle. DUVAL'S not faultless execution of the polonaise would have been fruitful of quite agreeable results, but for the hurry of the action at that stage of proceedings. Mr. LYALL embodied *Laerte*, and the rôle of *Federico* was intrusted to Mlle. FERRETTI, who filled it acceptably. The chorus was occasionally rather unsteady, especially in the first act. The band was in good condition in regard to numbers and unanimity. Mr. MARETZEK conducted as heretofore. Wednesday, "Il Trovatore" is to be interpreted.

The Double-Dealer.

St. Louis Democrat.

If a party is not essentially patriotic the citizen who affiliates with it, knowing that it is not, acts dishonorably. If SCHURZ never believed in the patriotism of the Republican Party he was false to every manly instinct in accepting it as the means of his elevation. To rise through party modes and then affect scorn of them is hypocrisy. To seek power through a party organization, and then use the power so obtained to destroy that organization, is to add perfidy to hypocrisy.

A great gulf now divides Senator SCHURZ from his party. It has been created by his long, unvarying, earnest and increasing opposition to the measures of his party. He protests that his motives are patriotic. Only Omniscience can see motives. But while as a Senator he has long pursued a course of utter hostility to his party's measures, what has been his course toward his party itself?

There are in this matter certain features that require some explanation to harmonize them with the immaculate purity of motive so often and so loudly professed by the conscientious Senator. One of those features is, that all his influence was given to break down the Republican organization in this State, while in the national Senate he still claimed to be in harmony with the national organization of his party. While he sat in caucus with Republican Senators, his bosom friends were in caucus with Democrats in Missouri. While he went from Republican councils in Washington to proclaim from his place in the Senate his devotion to the Republican cause and Party, his proxies were in intimate council with Democrats in St. Louis for the destruction of the Republican Party of the country. Men clamming to speak for him, men known to be in communication with him, men with whom he is now notoriously associated, and none of whose acts he has ever repudiated, were here plotting with Democrats for the destruction of the Republican Party in Missouri in order to destroy that party everywhere; while he at the same time sat cloaked as a friend among Republican chiefs at the national capital, and in open Senate ostentatiously paraded that cloak of friendship in order the deadlier to strike, in concert with his co-traitorous and Democratic allies in Missouri and elsewhere, the national Republican Party.

Every one remembers when SCHURZ was protesting his devotion to Republican principles as the country's first necessity, and his invincible faith that the Republican masses would triumphantly maintain them, while he needlessly urged his perfectly conceded right to exercise an independent judgment upon each measure of the Administration. At that hour he and his accredited friends were struggling to prevent, as a calamity to be averted from themselves, the reunion of Republicans here upon any national Republican platform whatever, struggling hand in hand and shoulder to shoulder with Democrats to convert into a national and incurable division a breach which SCHURZ had himself, in his reply to Mr. DRAKE in the Senate, characterized as growing exclusively out of a local and transient cause.

Mark the full significancy of this conduct. To the nation SCHURZ professed to be seeking this and that reform in and through the Republican Party; to believe that the masses of that party were in sympathy with him, and to desire that they would make these reforms part of the Republican policy. In St. Louis, where reform Republicans—if we accept the election of 1870 as the criterion—were about three times as numerous as others, and could therefore have inscribed their principles on the banner of a united party, and made them of some effect, his influence was uniformly exerted against any such reunion. If this showed anything, it showed that what SCHURZ and his friends wanted was not success through the Republican Party, but success over it. They wished no unity for reform, nor any reform through unity, but to raise the reform cry as a means of fatal division. They deliberately abandoned the power they had claimed to be capable of wielding in the National Convention.

It was a wily double game, and subtly played. The work was on one hand to prevent Republican consolidation in Missouri; and on the other, by professing faithfulness to Republican consolidation in the country, to be able to destroy that also, and to make use of the former effort, as well as all other efforts, to this end. In prosecuting this programme, explicitness was to be avoided—no explanations nor frank avowals were to be vouchsafed. When SCHURZ returned to St. Louis from his anti-Grant exploits, and when Democratic Central Committeemen and his co-conspirators tendered him an ovation, the one question filling all minds was the very one on which he was dumb. He fulsomely proposed to pour out his whole heart, yet left nobody the wiser. All interviewers found him voluble enough till the point of his party relations was approached; then he was ambiguous, evasive, reticent, and his newspaper in St. Louis declared his silence golden. But to intelligent Missourians the facts were clear as the sun. The only question with them was whether a truer perception of interest might not yet induce Mr. SCHURZ to retrace his steps. It was thought that his reticence might have as part of its object the practicability of such a return, and this lame was hoped for. But the cautious duplicity, and the meditated, partially effected and progressing treachery, were painfully conspicuous.

Mr. SCHURZ'S present attitude of openly admitted and distinctly proclaimed hostility to his party has been approached very gradually, with many and strenuous denials of such intent, with these denials in time becoming fewer and cautiously qualified, then repeated with fuller qualifications, again reiterated with increased qualifications, till at length the Democratic crescendo forgets all Republican denials, and the farce finally ends, as everybody saw it must, in throwing off all disguise and disclosing unmasked the traitor of months of plotting enmity and cunning hypocrisy. It is now plain that the SCHURZ of this February, 1872, toiling to effect an anti-Republican Presidential nomination, is the precise SCHURZ who, repudiating as libelous any suspicion that he could be capable of such a position, began his present work in his strangely bitter attacks upon the President in January, 1871.

Masterly abilities never yet saved a false statesman, and were SCHURZ a hundred times as smart of tongue as he is, his rhetoric could not hide his subtly meditated, long prepared for, finally consummated perfidy. His persistent and envenomed hostility to Republican measures would alone discover the motive inspiring it, but the double-dealing and falsehood manifest in his entire relations, where only rudest frankness could become an honest man, throw a blaze of light upon the patriotism he alleges as his sole incitement to his Senatorial course.

OUR MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT.

Board of Assistant Aldermen—The Eighth-Avenue Railroad Fares—The Fees Paid to the Collectors of Assessments.

The Board met at 3 o'clock P. M. yesterday. Assistant Alderman GALVIN presided. A petition was presented to donate to the Five Points House of Industry the sum of $2,661 89; deferred to the Committee on Donations. A resolution was passed requesting the Corporation Counsel to inform the Board if, in his opinion, the Eighth-avenue Railroad Company have the legal power and right under their charter to charge five cents extra fare for carrying passengers above Fifty-ninth-street. The following resolution was presented and referred:

Resolved, That all the streets, avenues, and lanes, and alleys, public places, &c., to be been regulated, graded, sewered and paved at the expense of the property-owners of the property benefited thereby, shall not again be assessed for any improvement, but all such improvements, charges and expenses for such further improvement shall be at the expense of the City.

In response to a resolution of inquiry, Mr. VAN NORT, Commissioner of Public Works, sent in a communication that the number of laborers employed by his Department varied almost daily, and that the present number is 795.

Mr. GEIS offered resolutions, which were adopted, that the Board of Health report to this Board the names of the parties furnishing the so-called "iron-clad ash-can," and which property-owners are compelled to adopt, by resolution of the Board of Health; also the price charged therefor, and if any contract exists between the Board of Health and the patentees of said ash-can; that the Corporation Counsel inform the Board whether the Board of Health have power to compel property-owners to adopt a specially-described vessel for the reception of ashes and garbage.

The Committee on Finance presented a report upon a preamble, relative to the fees paid to the Collector of Assessments, and a resolution to repeal the ordinance, under authority of which such fees are included in the assessment rolls and paid, and also a communication from Commissioner VAN NORT, transmitting a communication from the Collector of Assessments in reference to said preamble and resolution. The Committee stated that from May, 1867, to July 31, 1871, there has been paid to the Collector of Assessments, as fees to his Bureau, $560,824 70. The Committee also stated that the entire duties of the Bureau are performed by the Collector, his two assistants and four or five employes, and the employes receive compensation out of the fees of the office to the extent of about $11,000 per annum, and the remainder of said fees are divided between the Collector and such deputies as are from time to time appointed, they performing no work and rendering no assistance whatever to the Collector in the duties of the Bureau. The following amounts have been paid to the clerical force, the Collector and the Deputy Collectors, &c., from May 1, 1867, to July 31, 1871: To the clerical force, $44,783 97; to the Collector of Assessments, HENRY STARKWEATHER, $65,624 39. To the Deputy Collectors, viz:

A. D. Barber, from May, 1867, to July 31, 1871	$55,624 39
Geo. D. Johnson, from May, 1867, to July 31, 1871	51,403 98
Henry W. Genet, from May, 1867, to November, 1867	1,712 07
Henry Smith, from May, 1867, to July 31, 1871	51,624 39
M. B. Brown, from May, 1867, to Aug. 31, 1868	2,391 15
Francis McCabe, from Dec. 1, to Aug. 31, 1868	679 08
H. Vandewater, from Feb. 1, 1868, to April, 1870	35,299 14
Wm. Walsh, from Feb. 1, 1868, to March 31, 1868	681 21
Wm. M. Tweed, from April 1, 1868, to July 31, 1871	101,978 17
Jas. M. Sweeny, from July 1, 1868, to July 31, 1871	59,947 35
H. P. Whitney, from April, 1870, to July 31, 1871	19,208 66
T. Mackenzie, from May, 1870, to April, 1871	14,355 90
L. J. Stewart, from May, 1871, to July 31, 1871	4,199 29
For political expenses	27,311 45

That during the period referred to there has been paid to the Bureau $129,293 67, as fees and assessments thus charged to the City alone, a sum largely in excess of what would have been required to perform the work of the Bureau with salaried officers. The Committee concluded their report by recommending for adoption the following resolution, which was laid over:

Resolved, That the ordinance of the Common Council in relation to the fees of the Collector of Assessments, and duties of the Board of Assessors in relation thereto, passed July 18, 1853, and the amendment thereto, passed Nov. 24, 1858, be and are hereby repealed and rescinded.

The Board then adjourned.

The Board of Aldermen—The Garbage Nuisance—The Gas Question—The Lafayette-Place Extension.

The Board of Aldermen met at 3½ o'clock P. M. yesterday, President COCHRANE in the chair. A petition was presented by Alderman MEHRBACH from a large number of citizens for relief against the present gas monopoly, which was referred to the Committee on Repairs and Supplies. Alderman RADDE presented a petition from the widow of MICHAEL CARROLL, who claims that her husband was elected Alderman instead of THOMAS COMAN. This action was taken on the part of the petitioner so that she might receive her husband's salary. The petition was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices. A resolution was presented and referred to open Seventy-third street, from Third-avenue to the East River. A resolution was adopted instructing the Street-cleaning Commissioners to remove garbage between 12 o'clock at night and 6 o'clock in the morning. A resolution was adopted requiring the gas-light companies to report to the Board the number of street-lamps lighted and paid for by the City, and large consumers used by any individual or company and paid for by the City without the direction of the Common Council. The Committee on Roads presented a report against the proposed extension of Lafayette-place, which was received, and a resolution, offered by Alderman VAN SCHAICK, to rescind the resolution of the old Board to extend this street, was adopted.

The Controller sent in a communication showing the amount appropriated for carrying on the Legislative Department of the City from Jan. 1, 1872, to April, 1872, as follows: Amount appropriated, $378,666 66; amount paid to date, $10,666 66; balance, $68,000 10. A resolution was referred to the Committee on Salaries and offices, to fix the wages of the employes of the City Departments at $3 50 per day. A resolution was adopted to regulate and grade Eighteenth-street, from Eighth to Tenth avenues; Eighty-fourth-street, from the Boulevard to the River Drive; also Eighty-second-street, from Eighth-avenue to the Boulevard; Also Eighteenth-street, from Eleventh-avenue to the River Drive.

The Board then adjourned.

Board of Supervisors.

The Board of Supervisors met yesterday, Mayor HALL in the Chair. A communication was read from Major-Gen. SHALER, of the First Division N. G. S. N. Y., stating that there were outstanding debts against the City for provisions furnished the troops on the 12th of July last, and that a long time had elapsed since the bills were incurred; that some of them had been paid out of the regimental funds, owing to the importunities of the creditors, and recommending that the Board pay the bills as soon as possible. Referred to Committee on Armories and Drill Rooms. The Board then adjourned.

NEW-YORK CUSTOM-HOUSE.

Investigation Resumed by the Committee in Washington.

Gen. Porter Demolishes Mudget's Villifications—No One in the White House Interested in General Order Business—The General's Relations with the President—He Draws Only His Army Pay.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—The Custom-house investigation was resumed this morning by the Committee, who met for that purpose in the room of the Senate Committee on Pacific Railroads. The session lasted nearly six hours, and the whole time was occupied in the examination of Gen. HORACE PORTER, Acting Secretary to the President. There were present quite a number of spectators, as well as half a score of the newspaper slanderers of the President, whose faces, however, wore a very blank expression during the greater part of the examination, for the testimony was very damaging to the cause which they have so much at heart. What surprised them and their backers on the Committee was the documentary evidence produce, the letters which, with one exception, have never before seen the light, and the existence of which was unknown to the President's accusers. They did not suppose for an instant that Mr. GRINNELL would turn up as a witness in writing to clear Gen. PORTER, and to convict poor MUDGETT of absolute falsehood. These letters, with PORTER'S testimony, which was very clear, completely used up what little was left of this sweet witness, who to revenge himself for lost contracts and lost position, has sacrificed himself utterly. GRINNELL, EMBREE, CANNON, LEET, COCHRANE and PORTER have all contradicted him utterly. One of the features which created the strongest impression was the fact that LEET'S proportion of that famous mess was $69 46 per month. The record of the President and Gen. PORTER was shown by the letters produced by the latter's testimony to be, in this matter, as pure and clean as their most ardent friends could desire. Senator BAYARD, who conducted the cross-examination, treating the witness, of course, as a genteel prisoner at the bar, spent two hours or more in an adroit, keen, sarcastic effort to connect PORTER and the President with the Custom-house and General Order business. He suggested incidents, dates, conferences, occasions, conversations, dinners and other incidents various in number, and framed questions with answers which he put in Gen. PORTER'S mouth to be sworn to, but the latter was cool, self possessed and cautious, answering almost always in the negative. CASSERLY, who is far less decent in his mode of treating witnesses than BAYARD, got his hand with no better success. The Committee will to-morrow examine a witness by the name of CHAS. W. SHULZ.

Detailed Report of the Examination of Gen. Porter.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—The New-York Custom-house Investigation Committee assembled this morning, all were present except Senator STEWART. A conversation took place in regard to printing the testimony. It was stated by the clerk to the Committee on alleged Southern outrages, of which Senator SCOTT is Chairman, that the Committee itself made arrangements to have its testimony printed in order that its members might the more conveniently examine it, the same to be kept secret and no copies of it distributed without the order of the Committee. It was finally resolved to ask the Senate to authorize an appropriation of $10,000 to pay for printing the testimony.

PROSECUTION FOR BRIBERY.

The Chairman caused to be read a letter from Attorney-General WILLIAMS, dated Feb. 21, addressed to NOAH DAVIS, Attorney for the Southern District of New-York, stating that it appears from the testimony of the Committee that certain persons have accepted presents, bribes or rewards from importers of merchandise. The Attorney was therefore directed, by order of the President, to examine into the same, and if such persons have acted in violation of the laws, to take active measures against them with a view to prosecution without unnecessary delay.

Mr. DAVIS asked that a copy of the testimony be furnished to him; and also, that the Secretary of the Treasury be requested to furnish information of such cases as may have come to his knowledge concerning smuggling, bribing, and other offenses. Other letters were read showing that the Grand Jury were ready to inquire into the charges, and that instructions had been given to the New-York Collector of Customs to furnish all the information in his possession relative to smuggling and bribing. The Committee ordered a copy of the testimony to be furnished.

TESTIMONY OF GEN. PORTER.

Gen. PORTER was sworn and examined, saying he was now Secretary to the President, and had been since the inauguration; he testified about Col. LEET'S position before he became connected with the General Order business; after the inauguration, being desirous of leaving the army, he applied to the President for some position, and the President said he would appoint him Collector of Internal Revenue at New-Orleans, but LEET declined that appointment, stating that the pay at New-Orleans was too small, and that his wife objected to go there. LEET having informed him that he was about to apply for the labor business in New-York, Gen. PORTER endeavored to dissuade him from doing so, telling him that any person about the President entering into such employment would be subject to constant personal attacks. He advised LEET to go into some private business; a proposition had been made by Don CAMERON to LEET to become manager of the Lochiel Ironworks; Gen. PORTER said to LEET he had heard the President in general terms express himself against the acceptance of public office such as LEET sought; on the 28th of April Gen. PORTER accompanied the President to West Point, and on his return to New-York he wrote Col. LEET a letter as follows:

EXECUTIVE MANSION, WASHINGTON, May 4, 1870.

MY DEAR LEET: I do not like to be the bearer of bad news to you, but I think I ought to tell you what the President said when he returned from New-York. He remarked that he had heard so much about corruption in Custom-house, and the pressure to be brought to bear in getting positions, that he would never appoint any one who had been around him to a position in a Custom-house, no matter what his qualifications. In speaking about you, he said, "I don't know who told him of the office;" also, that you ought to accept Don CAMERON'S proposition, for, though he believes you as pure as any one, yet he would never consent to have you go to a Custom-house. He said the attacks would be constant, and injure both you and him. He feels just as I have always felt about such matters. You can now judge of the situation, and act accordingly. Yours, in great haste,

(Signed) HORACE PORTER.

He told me I could say this to you.

On the 7th of May Col. HILLYER called at Gen. PORTER'S room and said LEET and Mr. HOW were anxious to enter into partnership and obtain the business in New-York. Gen. PORTER informed him it would not be advisable for Mr. LEET to accept such business, as the President had expressed himself against it. Col. HILLYER thought it strange, and said that LEET ought to apply to business like other gentlemen. LEET obtained the General Order business from Mr. GRINNELL in the Spring of 1870, and in this he had no assistance from Gen. PORTER or the President. Several weeks elapsed before Gen. PORTER heard of LEET'S having obtained the General Order business. In answer to a question as to messing together in this city, it appeared that Gens. PORTER and BABCOCK leased a house for three years, purchased furniture, and organized what in the army is called a mess. This was in October, 1867. When LEET determined to resign, in 1869, he took his family West. Gens. PORTER and BABCOCK then invited Col. LEET to come to their house as a guest. There were in the house Gens. PORTER and BABCOCK, their wives and Col. LEET—five in all. Col. LEET paid one fifth of the expenses. Instead of his paying several thousand dollars, the highest sum he paid in any one month was $69 46. In reply to a question by the Chairman, whether the mess received any interest from that business, Gen. PORTER replied, "None whatever." and he had no reason to suppose that LEET shared in the profits of any business in New-York. On the 17th of April, 1870, LEET came into Gen. PORTER'S room and informed him that MUDGETT had declared at the Arlington House that Gen. PORTER was connected with the jobs in the New-York Custom-house. Gen. PORTER was determined to ask for an explanation and sent for MUDGETT, who came in with Gen. COCHRANE. MUDGETT, on being interrogated, said he had made the remark but not of his own knowledge. He gave as his authority LINDSEY, EMBREE, GRINNELL and others. In refutation, Gen. PORTER to-day shows from LINDSEY, EMBREE, MATTHEWSON and GRINNELL that they had not made the charge. Collector GRINNELL'S letter is as follows:

CUSTOM-HOUSE, NEW-YORK, May 3, 1870.

MY DEAR GENERAL PORTER: I was sorry that you would not spend a longer time with me on Saturday, as you left me with the impression upon my mind that you had not fully freed yourself upon the subject of our conversation. So far as the rumors and insinuations as to people being interested in contracts connected with the Custom-house here affect me, I pay no attention to them. So far as such rumors have been brought to my attention as affecting yourself and your associates, no man has been more outspoken and earnest in denying them both in public and private than I have been. I know that you are not in any way interested in any contract given out here, and neither you nor any other person about the Executive Mansion has ever intimated a desire to be so interested. Many applications for such contracts were of course made to me, and men were strongly urged by Senators and Representatives, but so far as I know or believe, from no improper motives they were awarded to those whom I considered to be good men and deserving of them. People who are complaining and circulating rumors, or some of them, are, perhaps, those who failed to obtain General Order or other contracts. I write this that you may feel perfectly assured that no words or suggestion has ever been made by me which could authorize any one in entertaining the idea for a moment that you were, in any way, shape or manner, interested or concerned in any contract, or that any had been awarded in deference to requests from parties in the Executive mansion. I am, very truly, your friend,

(Signed,) M. H. GRINNELL.

The following letter from G. W. EMBREE was also read:

CUSTOM-HOUSE, NEW-YORK, May 2, 1871.

DEAR SIR: Upon my return to the New-York Custom-house, Saturday afternoon, after a temporary absence, through the day, Mr. GRINNELL informed me that in an interview he had just had with you reference was made to an interview which I had had with Mr. B. F. MUDGETT, on which occasion I made some remarks reflecting upon you. I regret that I was unable to see you personally, as I made an effort to do on Saturday evening in calling at Fifth-avenue Hotel, where I was informed you would be found. Failing to do this I take this early occasion to say most emphatically that in no conversation with Mr. MUDGETT or any one else have I made use of any language affecting your good name, honor or reputation, by hints, shrugs or innuendoes sought to convey any impression that I knew more than I cared to express of Custom-House contracts. I know nothing except the fact that many times names have been used in this connection who know as little and care as little for them as I do. I regret extremely that my name should have been mixed up in any matter which could by any possibility cause you a moment's uneasiness, and can only reiterate my disavowal of having said or done aught that could throw a shadow of obloquy or suspicion upon you.

Very respectfully yours,

To Gen. HORACE PORTER. G. W. EMBREE.

Mr. PORTER said Mr. MUDGETT had come hither in April, 1870, and wanted a renewal of the contract for the labor business, and owing to his disappointment he had made the charge, and failing to prove it stands as a reviler. In answer to a question, Mr. PORTER said Mr. LEET was not a connection of the President or of his wife, and that Gen. RAWLINGS asked the President to give Mr. LEET a letter to Mr. GRINNELL. On the cross-examination, Mr. PORTER said Mr. GRINNELL made him an individual present of five gallons of sherry; it was used by the mess; he had no information whatever that any other persons were interested with LEET & STOCKING; he himself never had any partnership with either of them; he had never solicited any business for them; never did anything that would entitle him to their gratitude; they had never given him money or other valuable consideration; they never had the offensive to offer it, knowing him too well to make such a proposition. The following letter was read at the instance of the witness:

EXECUTIVE MANSION, July 13, 1870.

DEAR SIR: You are about to enter upon the duties of Collector of Customs in New-York. Many persons in seeking office may use the President's name or mine in urging their claims. I wish to state to you distinctly at the outset that no one is authorized to do so. Many friends of mine whom I should be very glad to oblige have importuned me to write you letters in their behalf, but I have earnestly declined to add to your present embarrassment by so doing. You will never hear from me on the subject of office. My only desire is to see you so distribute the patronage of your office as to render the most efficient service to the country and the cause of the Administration. Yours very truly,

HORACE PORTER.

To Hon. THOS. MURPHY, Collector of Customs, New-York.

EXECUTIVE MANSION, WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 31, 1872.

DEAR SIR: I am directed by the President to forward to you the accompanied portion of the inclosed newspaper articles. While the President does not for a moment suppose that you ever uttered the language it imputes to you, he deems it well to take this opportunity to say that if any person has been employed in the Custom-house upon representation that they are his particular friends or favorites, he hopes they may be discharged, and that if any persons ever apply for positions under you upon such a pretense, he requests that they may not be employed.

I am, Sir, respectfully yours,

HORACE PORTER.

Hon. THOS. MURPHY, Collector of Customs, New-York City.

During the cross-examination by Senator BAYARD, Gen. PORTER said he never sent messages by LEET to LINDSAY, and had never had transactions with Mr. LINDSAY: he did not see much of him; LINDSAY made perhaps SIX visits to Washington during the time Mr. GRINNELL was Collector, and he was thought to be GRINNELL'S secretary. In reply to the question what office he (Gen. PORTER) held, the General said Secretary to the President; it was an office partly civil and partly military; he was still an officer in the army; was a Colonel, with the brevet rank of Brigadier-General; he is assigned to duty at the Executive Mansion; his pay is the pay of his army rank only; has no other pay or emoluments; as to the letter given by the President to Lieut. LEET, addressed to Mr. GRINNELL, Gen. PORTER said that Lieut. LEET stepped out of the President's room and showed it to him; it was understood some days before that Mr. GRINNELL was to be Collector of the Port or New-York; Mr. LEET gave him the impression that he was going into the warehouse business and wanted Mr. GRINNELL to send Government stores to him; he did not know the precise terms, but it must have had reference to the General Order business; there was no arrangement of the President, toward the close of March, Mr. GRINNELL was appointed Collector.

Senator BAYARD inquired of Gen. PORTER whether he and Mr. CATHERWOOD dined together at Willard's Hotel with Mr. GRINNELL, when the General Order system was discussed, before Mr. GRINNELL'S appointment to office. Gen. PORTER replied that he did not recollect, but it was possible; he however remembered dining twice with Mr. GRINNELL at Willard's Hotel. He did not recollect whether Mr. CATHERWOOD and Gen. BABCOCK were there, nor did he recollect that Mr. LEET was there; he knew Mr. CATHERWOOD now as Senator WILSON and Mr. BLATCHFORD, of New-York, were present. He did not recollect whether or not the General Order business was discussed. He did not know when Mr. LEET went to New-York after receiving President GRANT'S letter. Mr. LEET did not tell him that he had met with success, further than that Mr. GRINNELL was very polite to him and promised to assist him in the business; there was nothing subsequently to show there had been a large accession to LEET'S wealth; he had only a speaking acquaintance with him, having met him but two or three times; he did not know that STOCKING had visited the Executive Mansion; he did not know that STOCKING had an interest with LEET in bidding for the labor contract. Having been asked whether, in the Summer of 1871, there was an interview between Mr. A. T. STEWART and the President at the Fifth-avenue Hotel, Gen. PORTER replied he recollected it, but knew nothing of the alleged abuses of the General Order system. He supposed the President had the same knowledge of these affairs as he (PORTER) had, but did not know with certainty. He had a conversation with STEWART on the same subject, but could not say whether it was before or after STEWART'S conversation with the President.

Gen. PORTER, having been interrogated as to correspondence between LEET and LINDSAY touching the acquisition of San Domingo, and speculations therewith, said he had no knowledge of such speculations; he had never had access to or been brought to bear in getting positions, that he would never appoint any one who had been around him to a position in a Custom-house, no matter what his qualifications. In speaking about you, he said, "I don't know who told him of the office;" also, that you ought to accept Don CAMERON'S proposition, for, though he believes you as pure as any one, yet he would never consent to have you go to a Custom-house. He said the attacks would be constant, and injure both you and him. He feels just as I have always felt about such matters. You can now judge of the situation,

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

The legal sale of a house and lot on Fortieth-street, near Ninth-avenue, by JAMES M. MILLER, announced for yesterday, did not take place as expected, but was adjourned until April 1, an injunction having been served in the suit. As a consequence no business was transacted at the Exchange and the market was generally quiet. Today, however, will be one of unusual activity, as the auctions to be held are not only numerous, but the class of real estate to be offered very superior. The proposed sales of west-side lots by MULLER, WILKINS & Co., and of lots on Fifth-avenue by A. J. BLEECKER, SON & Co., are of special importance, as is also the projected extensive sale of Brooklyn property by J. JOHNSON, Jr. The auctions to be conducted by other auctioneers are also of interest, and altogether the day promises to be the day of the season in real estate. Full particulars in reference to the auctions to occur were given yesterday, but for further details reference is made to our advertising columns. The attention of investors is in addition called to the proposed positive sale of valuable Central Park and Grand Boulevard lots, which will be held on Thursday, March 7, at the Exchange, by V. K. STEVENSON & SON.

At private sale, Wm. TUCKER, No. 220 Fifth-avenue, between Twenty-sixth and Twenty-seventh streets, reports having recently sold the house and lot No. 158 East Thirty-eighth street, 413 by 60 by 100 feet,) for $17,000; purchaser, Mr. ANTHONY V. WINANS. WM. H. RAYNOR, No. 5½ Pine-street, also reports having sold, at private sale, four full lots on Eighth-avenue, between Eighty-seventh and Eighty-eighth streets, for $72,500, and three full lots on Fifth-avenue, 80 feet north of Ninety-fourth street, for $84,000.

TRANSFERS AND LEASES.

During the past week the following transfers of City real estate, to the value of $25,000 and upward, have been placed on record, the data being taken from the *Real Estate Record* of Saturday, March 2. The list of recorded leases is also appended.

Transfers.

Bleecker-st., n. s., 423 ft. e. of Broadway, 38x105x irr. lot. h. and l.; Michael W. Dereham to Phineas Ayres, Feb. 27	$45,000
Chambers-st., n. s., No. 87; Reade-st., s. s., No. 66, 24.4x150, h. and l.; William S. Thomson to Chas. L. Thompson, of New-Haven, Feb. 27	100,000
Cortlandt-st., n. s., No. 18, 22x128, h. and l.; Dey-st., s. s., No. 21, 22x75; Samuel S. Fitch to Elizabeth H., wife of Oliver S. Carter, Feb. 26	71,100
Eighty-sixth-st., s. s., corner of Fulton-st., 30.8x99.6x3.8x81.4, Theodore M. Davis, receiver, to Amos R. Eno, Feb. 21	40,050
Houston-st., s. s., 78 ft. w. of Suffolk-st., 25x80; Franz Keilbach to George Barnes, Feb. 24	30,250
James-st., w. s., No. 9, 26x132, h. and l.; Charles A. Buodensiek, of West Morrisania, to Adam Rohr, Feb. 24	40,000
Orchard-st., w. s., No. 83, 1.5.6 s. of Stanton-st., 25.2x87.6; Michael Hertle and Carl W. Kuhn to John C. Handte, Feb. 26	29,000
Suffolk-st., w. s., 175 ft. n. of Rivington-st., 25x100; Christian Dexheimer to Dolores and Elizabeth Bossong, Feb. 27	29,500
Union-place, e. s., No. 6, 50 ft. n. of 14th-st., 25x85, h. and l.; Gratz Nathan, referee, to Macedonia de Socarres, Feb. 27	51,000
Washington-st., s. e. corner Horatio-st., 75x90.4x74.10x85, h. and l.; Charles A. Buddensiek, of West Morrisania, to Lyman Beach, Feb. 24	75,000
34th-st., s. s., 171 ft. w. of 1st-av., 66x98.9, h. and l.; Andrew J. Kerwin to Edmund S. Janes, Feb. 23	50,000
39th-st., s. s., 275 ft. e. of 2d-av., 50x98.9; Charles Buddensiek, of West Morrisania, to Mary L. Kruse, Feb. 24	40,500
48th-st., n. s., 79.7 ft. e. of 6th-av., 19.7x½ block, h. and l.; Frederick A. Reichard to Nicholas Kean, Feb. 21	30,500
82d-st., n. s., 255 ft. e. of 6th-av., 20x100.4, h and l.; Joseph L. R. Wood to Babette, wife of Louis Siedenbach, Feb. 24	41,000
83d-st., n. s., 265 ft. w. of 5th-av., 25x100.5, h. and l.; Brian McKenney to Sylvester Brush, Feb. 23	63,250
84th-st., s. s., 200 ft. e. of 5th-av., 25x100.5, h. and l.; Charles G. Hine to Alfred Roe and Thos. Gardiner, Jr., Feb. 24	45,000
85th-st., n. s., 175 ft. e. of 6th-av., 20x100.5, h. and l.; Joseph Freedman to Elizabeth W., wife of Easton Johnson, Feb. 24	35,000
88th-st., n. s., 256 ft. e. of 2d-av., 94x100.5; Anna Maria, wife of Ferdinand F. Crandall to John C. Donnelly, Feb. 27	30,000
89th-st., n. s., 462.1 ft. w. of 6th-av., 21.5x100.5, h. and l.; Thomas A. Davies to John J. Brown and Alexander Harper, Feb. 23	28,000
90th-st., s. s., 180 ft. e. of 4th-av., 20x100.5; Peter P. Decker to Lazarus Lissberger, Feb. 24	27,000
92d-st., n. s., 154 ft. w. of Lexington-av., 21x100.5, h. and l.; Michael Ryder to Henrietta, wife of Chas. Minzesheimer, Feb. 24	26,000
94th-st., s. s., 200 ft. e. of Madison-av., 20x102.2, h. and l.; Peter and Jackson and John H. Steinmets to Louisa, wife of Wm. Geery, Feb. 21	35,000
94th-st., s. s., 180 ft. e. of Madison-av., 20x102.2, h. and l.; Peter Jackson and John H. Steinmets to Louisa, wife of Wm. Geery, Feb. 21	35,000
97th-st., n. s., 155 ft. e. of 2d-av., n. s., 100x102.5; Siegmund T. Meyer to Jacob Weber, Feb. 28	28,000
98th-st., n. s., 480 ft. w. of 8th-av., 100x½ block; 85th-st., n. s., 460 ft. w. of 8th-av., 100x½ block; Thomas Gardiner, Jr., and Alfred Roe to Chas. G. Havens, Feb. 24	43,000
98th-st., s. s., 36.8 ft. e. of Madison-av., 25.6x102.2; Thomas Stevenson to J. Wood Bell, Nov. 18, 1871, Feb. 26	25,000
111th-st., n. s., 235 ft. w. of 4th-av., 32x100.11, h. and l.; 111th-st., n. s., 209 ft. w. of 4th-av., 16x100.11, h. and l.; John M. Fielder to Japhet M. and Edmund A. Thorp, Feb. 23	30,000
116th-st., n. s., 320 ft. w. 5th av., 150x100.11; 117th-st., s. s. 420 ft. w. of 5th-av., 25x100.11; Elijah H. Purdy and William Phyfe to Thomas J. Mora, Feb. 27	31,000
86th-st., n. s., 200 ft. e. of 10th-av., 25x98.9; Geo. W. Bernstein to Francis Cook, Feb. 24	5,250
90th-st., s. s., 275 ft. e. of 2d-av., 50x98.9; Charles A. Buddensiek, of West Morrisania, to Mary L. Kruse, Feb. 24	40,500
92d-st., n. s., 233.4 ft. e. of 2d-av., 16.8x100.5, h. and l.; Henry L. Volkening to William Stein, Feb. 24	11,000
Madison and 4th avs., 66th and 70th sts., block; 66th-st., n. e. corner Madison-av., 125x½ block; 69th-st., s. e. corner Madison-av., 125x½ block; 68th-st., s. w. corner 4th-av., 100x½ block; 67th-st., n. w. corner 4th-av., 100x½ block, Richard B. Connolly to Benjamin F. Fairchild, (1-5th part.) (Jan. 25, 1872.) Feb. 26	30,000
3d-av., w. s., 78.3 ft. s. of 13th-st., 26x110; Samuel Jones (referee) to Catharine A., wife of Edward W. Burr, (April 3, 1869) Feb. 27	35,150
4th-av., w. s., 66 ft. s. 49th-st., 34x100; Hannah S., wife of Sidney Dillon, to George Kemp, Feb. 26	80,000
84th-st., corner 84th-st., 28.8x123; James R. Smith to Walter S. Gurnee, of Tarrytown, (Col. Coll. lease of May 1, 1865,) Feb. 24	30,000
84th-av., e. s., 50.8 ft. s. of 88th-st., 50x102, h. and l.; Jacob Weber to Siegmund T. Meyer, Feb. 26	68,000
84th-av., e. s., 50.8 ft. s. of 88th-st., 50x102, Siegmund T. Meyer to Griffith Rowe, Feb. 26	95,000
97th-av., (Boulevard,) n. w. corner 126th-st., 174.11 x75, Receiver Ocean National Bank to Francis Blessing and George Roes, Feb. 26	37,850

Leases.

	Per Year.
Beekman-st., Nos. 63 and 65, 5 upper stories, 4 years	$4,500
Broadway, No. 241, 5 years	12,000
Broadway, No. 826, 3 2-12 years	11,500
Broadway, No. 679, first floor and basement, 3 years	6,500
Bowery, No. 202, 3 years	3,500
Canal-st., Nos. 365 and 367, store and basement, 9 9-12 years	4,500
East Broadway, No. 165, 15 years	3,000
Fulton-street, No. 151, store and basement, 5 years	4,000
Frankfort-st., No. 53, 5 2-12 years	1,000
Hudson-st., Nos. 533, 535, 537 and 539, 5 years	5,550
Laurens-st., No. 2, 5 years	2,150
Rivington-st., No. 36, front house, 5 years	1,500
Roosevelt-st., Nos. 19 and 21, 5 years	1,000
Union-place, n. e. corner 17th-st., 10 3-12 years	10,000
West 25th-st., Nos. 147 and 149, front basement, 9 3-12 Years	2,100
Avenue B, No. 273, 5 years	1,200
Avenue C, No. 127, store and basement, 3 years	1,200
1st-av., No. 258, store and basement, 5 years	1,500
3d-av., No. 160, 5 6-12 years	1,500
3d-av., No. 74, store and cellar, 3 years	1,000
5th-av., No. 151, s. e. basement, 5 2-12 years	1,500
9th-av., No. 672, 10 years	6,000
6th-av., No. 338, 4 9-12 years	4,300

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FOR SALE—NOS. 30, 32 AND 34 WEST 14TH-st., 75x206 f-et, running through to 13th-st., to which may be added, if desired, No. 36, making 100 feet front on 14th st., and 75 feet on 13th st.; suitable for any purpose where much space is desired. Apply to FRANCIS TOMES, No. 104 Broadway.

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S. EDDY & CO., No. 1 Park-place.

A DOUBLE DWELLING AND EIGHT full lots on 66th-st., west of 9th-av., convenient to Broadway and the Park, for sale exceedingly low. Will sell four or eight lots.
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AUCTION SALE—GRAND BOULEVARD and 77th-st., fourteen lots, THURSDAY, March 7. "Sale positive."
ADDISON THOMAS, Referee, No. 6 Wall-st., by V. K. STEVENSON & SON, No. 11 Pine-st.

BRICK, LUMBER AND COAL YARDS.—Harlem River water-fronts, with lots in the rear, well adapted for the above trades. For sale or to lease by F. G. & D. BROWN, No. 90 Broadway.

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THE FOLLOWING DESIRABLE lots are offered for sale by E. H. LUDLOW & CO.: Boulevard, near 86th-st., a very handsome plot.
5th-av., on the Central Park, large plot on a corner of 100th-st.
Madison-av., several handsome plots.
Madison-av., a handsome front near 112th-st.
New-av., a very desirable front near 102d-st.
104th-av., two lots near 8th-st.
134th-st., near 5th-av., four lots, cheap.
For full particulars apply at office, No. 3 Pine-st.

FOR SALE—SOUTH WASHINGTON-square, Nos. 42 and 45 4th-st., two houses, each 25 x50, with extension lots 109 feet; will be sold separately or together; very desirable for business.
CRISWOLD & BURRY,
NO. 744 BROADWAY,
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HUGH N. CAMP, NO. 106 BROADWAY, real estate broker and auctioneer, solicits the sale and renting of houses and stores. He is now preparing a list of properties for sale and to let, and parties wishing to place property on the market are invited to send particulars to him. No charge is made except when sales are made through him.

FOR SALE CHEAP—BY THE OWNER, leaving for Europe, a four-story high-stoop house, with all modern improvements, with or without furniture, on 37th-st., between 5th and 6th avs.; terms easy. If not sold prior to April 1, with be rented furnished or unfurnished. Apply to LEVI COOK, No. 50 Wall-st.

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AT A BARGAIN—ELEGANT BROWN-stone house on the "Hill;" immediate possession. See list of Brooklyn houses. S. EDDY & CO., No. 1 Park-place.

FOR SALE—AT A BARGAIN, $4,750, FOUR-story and attic English basement house on West 22d-st., pleasantly located. Permits of A. JOURNEAY, No. 1 Pine-st.

CORNER LOT FOR SALE ON FIFTH-AVENUE, above 80th-st., fronting the CENTRAL PARK. Price, $70,000. Address OWNER, Up-town *Times* Office, No. 54½ West 32d-st.

THIRD-AV. FRONTS AND HALF-FRONTS FOR SALE. F. G. & D. BROWN, No. 90 Broadway.

A HOUSE IN 83D-ST., NEAR LEXINGTON-Av.—For sale on easy terms. Price $11,000.
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EAST RIVER AND 14TH-ST.—ENTIRE blocks for sale. F. G. & D. BROWN, No. 90 Broadway.

BROOKLYN REAL ESTATE.

FOR SALE.—A RARE OPPORTUNITY IS offered those who wish to buy some of the most elegant and accessibly-located houses in all Brooklyn; prices and terms to suit. No. 271 Quincy-st., three-story, brick front, French roof, 20x42x36.100, 40 feet court-yard, and elegant piazza in front, contains all modern improvements; No. 252 Clermont-av., two and a half story, Philadelphia brick, brown-stone basement, stained mantels, 40 coats of paint lately overhauled, plumbed and decorated for owner's use, all improvements: Nos. 169, 173 and 175 Adelphi-st., three story, high stoop, brown stone, 19½x46x125, all modern improvements. This is the choicest lot of property that has been offered for sale in some time, and we invite the attention of buyers. Immediate possession. Call and see for yourselves. Apply on the premises, or address T. FAGAN, No. 227 Clermont-av.

FOR SALE—COLUMBIA HEIGHTS, BROOKlyn, fronting on the estate, valuable property, corner Orange-st., 100 feet square; house, stable, two vacant lots. Inquire of R. A. DORMAN, executor, No. 96 Front-st., New-York.

TO EXCHANGE—SOME CHOICE BROOKlyn property (improved) for a house and a few acres of land about one hour's ride from the City.
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AN ELEGANT RESIDENCE FOR sale at Flushing, Long Island, situated on Sanford-av., on high ground. House, 44x50, of superior finish, with all the appointments that are combined in a first-class city residence; grounds artistically laid out, consisting of four acres, stocked with rare, ornamental and fruit trees; large brick barn; within ten minutes' walk from depot, twenty-five minutes from Hunter's Point; forty-two trains daily; to be seen to be appreciated. Inquire at Globe Fire Insurance Company, No. 176 Broadway.

FOR SALE—AT BLOOMFIELD, N. J., A large property with good house, all favorably located for enhancing value, and pleasantly situated and surrounded; is near line of Midland Railroad, bringing it 30 minutes from New-York by Hall; will be sold low because owner wants money; is a better place for any one to invest than savings banks or ordinary securities; about $10,000 cash is necessary. Address OWNER, Box 3,838 New-York Post-office.

A DESIRABLE RESIDENCE AT RYE, on the Sound, one mile from Rye or Port Chester Depots, consisting of 45 acres, finely wooded and laid in with brick, fourteen rooms, modern improvements; also, cottage, fourteen rooms, carriage-house, stalls for five horses, bathing-house, &c., on elevated ground, 50 feet above and slopes to the water; has valuable water and dock rights. App'y to F. J. HALL, Lyons Point, Port Chester, New-York.

ORANGE, N. J.—HANDSOME PLACE, AT low price, Centre-st., (macadamized, gas-lit,) either five or seven acres in garden lawns, forest, fruit, and ornamental trees; large, complete residence, containing modern conveniences, stables, laundry, green-house; unexceptionable neighborhood; three minutes' walk from Broad and Main depots; a bargain, $9,000; terms easy; good order. A. D. MELLICK, JR. & BRO., No. 6 Pine-st., New-York.

A ROME.—FLUSHING; THIRTY MINutes from 34th-st; nine and one-half acres, four in lawn; extensive fruiteries; modern house, frescoed, inlaid floors; greenhouse, stable, hennery, &c.; must be sold. Address OWNER, Post-office Box No. 142.

ENGLEWOOD, N. J.—FOR SALE—GOTHIC stone cottage, seven rooms; heated with furnace, lighted with gas; barn nearly new; 2¼ acres; plenty fruit and shade trees. For further information apply J. S. H., Box No. 4,878 New-York P. O.

ORANGE.—HAMILTON & WALLIS, NO. 9 Nassau-st., corner Pine, offer a desirable house, near depot, general conveniences; well located; pleasant neighborhood; $10,000, one-tenth cash; easy terms.

FOR SALE—HUDSON RIVER FRONTS, cottage, $8,500; country-seat, four acres, $15,000; also, one to twenty acres unimproved.
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FIVE NEW HOUSES FOR SALE—AND three to let, in Llewellyn Park, Orange, N. J.
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WANTED TO LEASE—TWO BUILDINGS adjoining, or the two upper floors of the same, situated on 7th or 8th avs., between 14th and 22d sts. Address Box No. 4,976 Post-office.

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V. K. STEVENSON & SON give special attention to the general care and management of estates, renting property, &c.

THURSDAY, March 7, 1872, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Sales-rooms, No. 111 Broadway, in pursuance of a decree of partition,

SUPREME COURT SALE
by Addison Thomas, referee, of

14 CENTRAL PARK AND GRAND BOULEVARD LOTS,

bounded by the Grand Boulevard, (old Broadway,) 10th-av., 76th and 77th sts. This property lies in the heart of the great West Side, with Central Park and the Zoological Gardens east of it, and the Riverside Park, the Hudson River and Riverside Boulevard on the west. Most of this very valuable property can be improved at once, and the position of the land is high, dry and healthy. Terms very liberal.

Sale Peremptory to the Highest Bidder.

V. K. STEVENSON, Executor,
SUSAN P. SMITH, Executrix,
Of the estate of WASHINGTON M. SMITH, deceased.

For maps and particulars apply to ADDISON THOMAS, referee, No. 6 Wall-st.; CHARLES E. WHITEHEAD, plaintiff's attorney, No. 61 Wall-st.; or to V. K. STEVENSON & SON.

J. JOHNSON, Jr., Auctioneer.

BY JERE. JOHNSON, JR.,
Successor to Johnson & Miller,
Office, No. 25 Nassau-st.

TUESDAY, MARCH 5, AT 12 O'CLOCK, AT Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway, New-York,
HIGHLY IMPORTANT SALE
MOST VALUABLE PROPERTY
in the
NINETEENTH WARD, BROOKLYN,
By order of Frederick Scholes, Esq.
Two splendid pieces of
WHARF PROPERTY,
situated on
KENT-AV. BASIN, between
KEAP AND ROBINSON STS.,
directly opposite Proposed
CITY MARKET GROUNDS.

Each parcel contains about ten city lots. The docks are the best in the city. There is now 11 feet of water; contract has been made to deepen the same this fall. The location is the best in the vicinity of New-York for lumber, brick and lime dealers, iron-founders, distillers, maltsters, sugar refiners or gas companies. The terms will be liberal. Maps now ready.

Also, by order of the same owner;

HOOPER-STREET.—N. w. s. 246 feet, n. e. of Bedford-av., three splendid lots.

HOOPER-STREET.—N. w. s., 100 feet s. w. of Marcy-av., eleven choice lots, near the site recently purchased for new German Lutheran Church. This is the highest ground in the ward.

MACON-ST. AND BEDFORD-AV. LOTS.
Crême de la Crême of the avenue.

BEDFORD-AVENUE AND HEWES-STREET.—North corner, running north-west along avenue, seven lots.

Note.—Don't fail to examine above lots. They are directly opposite the palatial residence of Cornelius Johnson, Esq.

HOOPER-ST.—S. e. s., 97 ft. n. e. of Bedford-av., 3 lots.
HEWES-ST.—N. w. s., 100 ft. n. e. of Bedford-av., 3 lots.
HOOPER-ST.—S. e. s., 291 ft. n. e. of Bedford-av., 2 lots.
ROSS-ST.—S. e. s., 301 ft. s. w. of Bedford-av., 2 lots.
PENN-ST.—S. e. s., 31 ft. s. w. of Lee-av., 4 lots.
RUTLEDGE-ST.—N. w. s., 81 ft. s. w. of Lee-av., 8 lots.
MARCY-AV. AND PENN-ST.—N. w. corner, opposite St. Paul's Church, 4 lots.
LYNCH-ST.—S. e. s., 100 ft. s. w. of Harrison-av., 5 lots.
RUTLEDGE-ST. AND MARCY-AV.—N. e. corner, 3 lots.

Maps of all above property are now ready at Office of JERE. JOHNSON, JR.,
(Successor to Johnson & Miller,)
No. 25 Nassau-st., New-York.

TUESDAY, MARCH 12,
at 12 o'clock, at Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway, New-York,
SPLENDID PROPERTY ON
THEODORUS BERGEN ESTATE,
situated on 4th-av., between 58th and 59th sts., in the City of the Bronx. Particulars hereafter.

THURSDAY, MARCH 14,
at 12½ P. M., at office of Josiah M. Whitney, Sanswick Terrace, Astoria, Long Island,
VALUABLE LOTS SPLENDIDLY SITUATED
CAPT. JOSEPH BOUNTY, at Astoria, New-York. Particulars hereafter.

A. J. BLEECKER, Auctioneer.

SPLENDID 5TH-AV. CORNER LOTS.

A. J. BLEECKER, SON & CO. will sell at auction, THIS DAY, March 5, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway:

FIFTH-AVENUE.—One lot, s. e. corner of 90th-st., (opposite entrance to the Park,) commanding a magnificent view.

FIFTH-AVENUE.—One lot, s. e. corner of 85th-st., extra size, 27.2x100, exactly opposite the centre of the Central Park.

Also,

EAST FIFTY-FIRST-STREET.—Superb new four-story brown-stone "French-flat" house and lot, No. 166 East 51st-st., between 3d and Lexington avs., a complete specimen of the French system.

CLINTON-STREET.—The two brick houses and stores and lots, Nos. 46 and 50 Clinton-st., and two brick houses in the rear, between Stanton and Rivington sts., all in fine order, and well rented. City Hall cars pass the door.

Maps and terms at No. 77 Cedar-st.

A. J. BLEECKER, SON & CO., Auctioneers.

ELEGANT BROWN-STONE HOUSES AND LOTS

ON WEST 26TH-ST., NEAR 6TH-AV.,
THIS DAY, MARCH 5.

Two three-story brown-stone high-stoop and basement houses, Nos. 125 and 127, containing all the modern improvements; will readily rent at high figures; the vicinity of this property to 6th-av. renders this a first-rate business location, 43.9 in front; immediate possession given; terms most favorable. Maps and particulars at No. 77 Cedar-st., and at C. S. PECK & CO., No. 947 Broadway.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, Auctioneer.

EXECUTORS' SALE OF DESIRABLE PROPERTY ON GREENWICH AND HUDSON STS.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, P. R. WILKINS & CO., will sell at auction, on WEDNESDAY, March 6, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway, by order of Matthias Clark and Jas. E. Hedges, executors of Susan Vietl, deceased.

GREENWICH-STREET.—The three-story brick-front house and lot, situate on the westerly side of Greenwich-st., between Desbrosses and Watts sts., and known as No. 458. House about 40 feet deep, lot 25x 95 feet.

HUDSON-STREET.—The two and a half story brick house, with store and lease of lot, situate on the westerly side of Hudson-st., between Spring and Vandam sts., and known as No. 311. Lease from Trinity Church to May 1, 1873; ground-rent $450 per annum. Fixtures in store are not sold with premises; lot 20x80 feet.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, Auctioneer.

AUCTION SALE OF CHOICE BUILDING SITES ON WASHINGTON HEIGHTS.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, P. R. WILKINS & CO. will sell at auction on TUESDAY, March 5, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway;

BROADWAY.—Thirty-six lots, situate on the southwesterly corner of Broadway and the road leading to Fort Washington Depot. This property is very desirably located; is 200 feet above the Hudson River, and has a frontage on Broadway of 310 feet; is the best and most centrally located on the Heights for first-class improvements. This property is now ready for immediate improvement, the line for the widening of Broadway having been established.

ST. NICHOLAS-AV.—The plot of land situate on St. Nicholas-av., 155th-st. and 9th-av. St. Nicholas-av. is widened and finished to the centre line of 155th-st.; 155th-st. is 100 feet wide.

MORRIS WILKINS, Auctioneer.

DESIRABLE DWELLINGS ON WEST 141ST AND 142D STS., AT AUCTION.

E. H. LUDLOW & CO. will sell at auction on TUESDAY, March 5, 1872, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway:

WEST FORTY-FIRST-STREET.—The desirable three story basement and sub-cellar brick-front, high-stoop house and lot, No. 231 West 41st-st., north side, 400 feet west of 7th-av.; house is 20x43 feet, with bath-room, water-closets, &c.; lot 20x98.9 feet; $7,500 can remain on bond and mortgage for a term of years.

WEST FIFTY-FIFTH-STREET.—The lease of the lot with the dwelling, known as No. 318 West 55th-st., south side, two feet of 8th-av.; house is three stories and basement brown stone, 17.2 ⅔x50 feet, with party walls; lot is leased from trustees of Laura A. and Franklin H. Delano for the term of twenty years, from May 1, 1868, at an annual ground rent of $206 67; lot 17.2 ⅔x100.5 feet.

Maps and permits at the auctioneer's office, No. 3 Pine-st.

HUGH N. CAMP, Auctioneer.

WILL SELL AT AUCTION ON TUESDAY, March 5, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway,
BY ORDER OF THE SUPREME COURT,
The valuable church property on east side of 7th-av., between 23d and 24th sts. Size of building about 40x95; size of lot, 49.4x100 feet.

Maps and particulars at the auctioneer's office, No. 106 Broadway, corner Pine-st.

HUGH N. CAMP, Auctioneer.

WILL SELL AT AUCTION, ON WEDNESday, March 13, 1872, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway, the valuable plot of ground, having three fronts on Clinton and Huntington and Hamilton avs., Brooklyn. Particulars at the auctioneer's office, No. 106 Broadway.

S. DINGEE & CO., AUCTIONEERS, WILL sell at public auction, at the Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway, City of New-York, Thursday, March 14, 1872, 12 o'clock M., No. 33 St. Marks-place. Terms easy.

The premises may be seen from 9 A. M. to 6 P. M., daily. S. DINGEE & CO., Auctioneers, No. 82 Cedar-st., New-York.

REAL ESTATE AT AUCTION.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, Auctioneer.

EXECUTORS' SALE OF SIXTY-TWO VALUABLE LOTS, SITUATE ON 8TH, ST. NICHOLAS AND 9TH AVS., THE BOULEVARD, 123D, 124TH, 125TH, 126TH AND MANHATTAN STS.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, P. R. WILKINS & CO. will sell at auction on TUESDAY, March 5, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway, by order of the undersigned executor and executrix of James R. Walter, deceased:

Twenty-one lots, comprising the entire block bounded by the 8th and St. Nicholas avs., 123d and 124th sts.

Sixteen lots in the block bounded by 123d, 124th and Manhattan sts., St. Nicholas and 9th avs.

Six lots east side of 9th-av., commencing on north-east corner of 125th-st.

Four lots, south side of 126th-st., 100 feet east of 9th-av.

Five lots on Manhattan-st., between 8th and 10th avs.

Seven lots at the junction of Manhattan and 125th sts.

One lot, north-east corner of the Boulevard and 124th-st.

The above-described lots being in the immediate vicinity of the Morningside Park, and fronting on the plazas formed by New-av., St. Nicholas-av., Manhattan, 123d and 124th sts., and by 9th-av., Manhattan and 125th sts., are most desirably located, and rapidly enhancing in value.

TERMS—Seventy-five per cent. of the purchase-money may remain on bond and mortgage.

SALE PEREMPTORY TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER.

THOMAS H. WALTER, Executor,
HARRIET A. WALTER, Executrix,
Of the estate of James R. Walter, deceased.

Maps at the office of the auctioneers.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, Auctioneer.

AUCTION SALE—BY ORDER OF THE SUPREME COURT OF VALUABLE BUSINESS PROPERTY, EXCHANGE-PLACE, BROAD, SOUTH AND PEARL STREETS.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, P. R. WILKINS & CO. will sell at auction, on TUESDAY, March 12, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway, New-York, by order of the Supreme Court, under the direction of ROBERTSON RODGERS, Esq., referee.

EXCHANGE-PLACE.—The two lots of land, together with the four and a half story marble-front building thereon, situate on the northerly side of Exchange place, between William and Broad sts., and known as Nos. 48 and 50, having together 50 feet in width in front and rear, by 96.6 feet on the easterly, and 99.8 feet on the westerly line.

BROAD AND SOUTH STREETS.—The plot of land, together with the four-story French-roof brick building thereon, situate on the north-west corner of Broad and South sts., and known as Nos. 127 and 129 Broad-st., and Nos. 15 and 16 South-st., being 47.3 feet on South-st., and 60.9 feet on Broad-st.

PEARL-STREET.—The four-story brick store and lot, situate on the north-easterly corner of Pearl and Platt sts., and known as No. 225 Pearl-st., being 16.10 feet on Pearl-st., 25.7 feet on the rear, and 51.2 feet on Platt-st.

Maps at the office of the auctioneers, No. 7 Pine-st.
GEO. N. TITUS, Attorney,
No. 56 Broadway.

HUGH N. CAMP, Auctioneer.

WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION on WEDNESDAY, March 13, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway, the valuable piece of property situated on north side of Maiden-lane, between Gold and Pearl sts., together with the four-story brick building erected thereon, now rented for $2,400 till May 1, 1872, and known as No. 99 Maiden-lane; size, 20x62 feet. Maps and particulars at the auctioneer's office, No. 106 Broadway, corner Pine-st.

JOSEPH MCGUIRE, Auctioneer.

WILL SELL AT AUCTION ON WEDNESDAY, March 6, 1872, at 12 o'clock noon, at the Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway:

By order of the Supreme Court under direction of Homer A. Nelson, Esq., Referee, the two three-story basement and sub-cellar brown-stone houses, Nos. 214 and 218 East 79th-st.; size, lots 20x102.2 each.

Maps at the auctioneer's office, No. 87 Cedar-st.

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Royal Mail Steamers are appointed to sail as follows:

CITY OF BROOKLYN....Thursday, Mar. 7, 2 P. M.
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CITY OF BRISTOL.....Tuesday, Mar. 14, 9 A. M.
CITY OF NEW-YORK....Saturday, Mar. 16, 10 A. M.
CITY OF LIMERICK....Thursday, Mar. 21, 2 P. M.
CITY OF WASHINGTON, Saturday, Mar. 23, 2 P. M.

and each succeeding SATURDAY and THURSDAY, from Pier No. 45 North River.

RATES OF PASSAGE.

Payable in Gold.		Payable in Currency.	
First cabin	$75	Steerage	$30
To London	80	To London	35
To Paris	90	To Paris	38

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THE BRITISH AND NORTH AMERICAN ROYAL MAIL STEAM-SHIPS, BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL, CALLING AT CORK HARBOR.

FROM NEW-YORK.	
CALABRIA	Wednesday, Mar. 6, '72
CHINA	Wednesday, Mar. 13, '72
ABYSSINIA	Wednesday, Mar. 20, '72
CUBA	Wednesday, Mar. 27, '72
ALGERIA	Wednesday, April 3, '72

and every following WEDNESDAY and SATURDAY

FROM BOSTON.	
PALMYRA	Saturday, Mar. 2, '72
SIBERIA	Saturday, Mar. 9, '72
PARTHIA	Saturday, Mar. 16, '72
BATAVIA	Saturday, Mar. 23, '72
SAMARIA	Saturday, Mar. 30, '72

and every following SATURDAY.

RATES OF PASSAGE.

Cabin, $80, $100 and $130, gold, according to accommodation.

Tickets to Paris, $15, gold, additional.

Return tickets on favorable terms.

Steerage.....$30, currency.

Steerage tickets from Liverpool and Queenstown and all parts of Europe at lowest rates.

Through Bills of Lading given for Belfast, Glasgow, Havre, Antwerp, and other ports on the Continent, and for Mediterranean ports.

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(VIA QUEENSTOWN.)
CARRYING THE UNITED STATES MAILS.

THE LIVERPOOL AND GREAT WESTERN STEAM COMPANY will dispatch one of their first-class full power iron-screw steam-ships from PIER NO. 46 NORTH RIVER, EVERY WEDNESDAY,

as follows:

WISCONSIN, Capt. T. W. FREEMAN. Mar. 6, at 2½ P. M.
NEVADA, Capt. FORSYTH.....Mar. 13 at 8½ A. M.
WYOMING, Capt. WHINERAY.....Mar. 20, at 2½ P. M.
MINNESOTA, Capt. MORGAN.....Mar. 27, at 2½ P. M.
ERIN, Capt. PRICE.....April 3, at 2½ P. M.
MANHATTAN, Capt. J. S. PRICE, April 10, at 2½ P. M.

Cabin passage, $80, gold.

Steerage passage, (Office No. 29 Broadway,) $30, currency.

For freight or cabin passage apply to
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ONLY DIRECT LINE TO FRANCE.

THE GENERAL TRANSATLANTIC COMPANY'S MAIL STEAM-SHIPS BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND HAVRE, CALLING AT BREST.

The splendid vessels on this favorite route for the Continent will sail from Pier No. 50 North River as follows:

WASHINGTON.....ROUSSAN....Saturday, Mar. 9
VILLE DE PARIS...SURMONT....Saturday, Mar. 23
PEREIRE.....DANEE.....Saturday, April 6
ST. LAURENT.....LEMAIRE.....Saturday, April 20

PRICE OF PASSAGE IN GOLD (including wine) TO BREST OR HAVRE.

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Excursion tickets at reduced rates.

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March 15.—Steamer HENRY CHAUNCEY, Capt. A. G. GRAY, will leave Pier No. 42 North River, at 12 o'clock noon, for Aspinwall, via Kingston, Jam., connecting at Panama with steamer ALASKA, Capt. —, touching at Acapulco, Manzanillo and Mazatlan, and also connecting for all Central American and South Pacific ports. Freight for last-named ports received until 4 P. M. of March 13.

Steamer CHINA will leave San Francisco April 1, 1872, for Japan and China. For rates of passage, freight and all further information, apply at Company's office on the pier, foot of Canal-st.

F. R. BABY, Agent.

FOR ST. THOMAS AND BRAZIL

UNITED STATES AND BRAZIL STEAM-SHIP COMPANY

REGULAR MAIL STEAMERS sailing on the 23d of every month.

NORTH AMERICA, Capt. G. B. SLOCUM...March 23
MERRIMACK, Capt. V. SLOCUM.....April 23
SOUTH AMERICA, Capt. TINKLEPAUGH.....May 23

These splendid steamers sails on schedule time, and call at St. Thomas, Para, Pernambuco, Bahia and Rio de Janeiro, going and returning. For engagements of freight or passage, apply to

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UNITED STATES MAIL TO HAVANA.

ATLANTIC MAIL STEAM-SHIP COMPANY.

Sailing regularly every THURSDAY, at 3 o'clock P. M., precisely, from Pier No. 4 North River.

MORRO CASTLE, Capt. T. S. CURTIS, (via Nassau,) March 7.
CRESCENT CITY, Capt. E. VAN SICE, March 14.
MISSOURI, Capt. T. H. MORTON, (via Nassau,) March 21.

For freight or passage apply to
A. W. DIMOCK, President,
No. 5 Bowling-green.

FOR NASSAU, N. P.

CARRYING THE ROYAL MAILS.

Atlantic Mail Steam-ship Company's steamer CRESCENT CITY will sail on THURSDAY, Feb. 8, at 3 o'clock P. M., precisely, from Pier No. 4 North River.

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DIRECT LINE TO HAVANA.

HAVANA, PROGRESO AND VERA CRUZ.

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OLEOPATRA, Phillips, (Havana only,) Wed., Mar. 13
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Families or gentlemen going to travel on the Continent of Europe, who can afford the expense of a courier, should never leave Paris without one. Their services are invaluable in relieving the traveler from the multiplicity of cares and troubles respecting passports, examination and conveyance of luggage, in securing the best accommodation, in protecting the traveler from imposition and an infinity of annoyances, to which they are exposed in various parts of the Continent. Competent and trustworthy couriers and traveling servants may always be obtained by applying to the COURIER SOCIETY, No. 3 Rue d'Agor, near the Tuileries Garden, Paris.

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THE STEAM-SHIPS

LEO, Capt. DEARBORN, TUESDAY, March 5, from Pier No. 16 East River, at 3 P. M.
MURRAY, FERRIS & CO., Agents,
No. 62 South-st.

GENERAL BARNES, Capt. MALLORY, THURSDAY, March 7, from Pier No. 39 North River, at 3 P. M.
LIVINGSTON, FOX & CO., Agents.
No. 127 West-st.

MAGNOLIA, Capt. PALMER, SATURDAY, March 9, from Pier No. 8 North River, at 3 P. M.
WM. R. GARRISON, Agent,
No. 5 Bowling-green.

HUNTSVILLE, Capt. CROWELL, SATURDAY, March 9, from Pier No. 13 North River, at 3 P. M.
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Superior accommodations for passengers.
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References: Jay Cooke & Co., J. & W. Seligman & Co., Gilead A. Smith & Co., Bankers, New-York; J. Edgar Thomson, President Pennsylvania Central Railroad Company, Philadelphia.

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NEW-YORK SECURITY

ON THE MARKET.

MIDLAND FIRST MORTGAGE

7 Per Cent. Gold Bonds.

Denominations of $100, $500, $1,000.

AT PAR AND INTEREST.

Of this great trunk line to the West upward of

340 Miles Are in Operation,

and its ENTIRE COMPLETION CONTRACTED FOR BY JULY 1. Toward its construction nearly $8,000,000 IN CASH HAS BEEN FURNISHED BY SUBSCRIPTION TO ITS STOCK AT PAR.

This road will possess equal advantages for local and through business with any of the great trunk lines from New-York, some of which are paying good dividends on three times the cost of the Midland.

The mortgage is only $20,000 to the mile.

As an evidence of their appreciation by the public, these Bonds are being absorbed about as rapidly as the Company are authorized to issue them.

Marketable securities taken in exchange at market rates.

GEORGE OPDYKE & CO.,
NO. 25 NASSAU-ST.

SECOND MORTGAGE

8 PER CENT.

CONVERTIBLE BONDS

OF THE

Indianapolis, Bloomington and Western Railway,

AT 80 AND INTEREST.

From the time we first offered these Bonds they have been rapidly taken up by investors, leaving but a small amount now for sale, which, at the present price, we consider a very cheap and desirable security, as the Road is in *successful operation, and earning net more than the interest on all its Bonds.* The business of the Road is rapidly increasing. Over one thousand miles of new roads are now building connecting with and controlled entirely in the interest of this road, all of which will be completed at an early day.

These new roads, it is expected, will add at least fifty per cent to the net receipts of this Company.

We also buy and sell the First Mortgage Seven Per Cent. Gold Bonds of the

INDIANAPOLIS, BLOOMINGTON AND WESTERN ROAD,

and those of the

PEORIA AND ROCK ISLAND RAILWAY.

STOCKS and BONDS bought and sold on commission.

Accounts of banks, bankers and merchants received.

Four per cent. interest allowed on daily balances.

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THE National Trust COMPANY.

OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK,
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CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT issued, payable on demand.

GOVERNMENTS, GOLD, STOCKS and BONDS bought and sold on commission.

YONKERS AND NEW-YORK FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.—Notice is hereby given that I, the undersigned, appointed by the Supreme Court receiver of the estate, funds and effects of the Yonkers and New-York Fire Insurance Company, do hereby call a general meeting of the creditors of the said Company, at my office, No. 176 Broadway, in the City of New-York, on the 6th day of March, 1872, at 12 o'clock noon, of that day, when all accounts and demands for and against such corporation, and all its open and subsisting contracts, shall be ascertained and adjusted as far as may be, and the amount of money in the hands of the receiver declared.

RICHARD L. FRANKLIN, Receiver.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY,
WASHINGTON, Dec. 27, 1871.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL persons who may have claims against The Ocean National Bank of the City of New-York, N. Y., that they are called upon to present the same and to make legal proof thereof to THEODORE M. DAVIS, receiver, at the office of said Bank, at the city of New-York.

H. R. HULBURD,
Controller of the Currency.

FINANCIAL.

AN UNDOUBTED SECURITY

PAYING 60 PER CENT.

MORE INCOME

THAN GOVERNMENT BONDS,

AND

9 1-2 Per Cent. on the Investment.

FIRST MORTGAGE SINKING FUND GOLD BONDS OF THE

Logansport, Crawfordsville and South-Western Railway of Indiana.

THEY BEAR 8 PER CENT. GOLD INTEREST, PAYABLE QUARTERLY IN NEW YORK, FREE OF GOVERNMENT TAX, AND ARE COUPON AND REGISTERED.

The issue is limited to $16,300 per mile, in denominations of $1,000, $500 and $100.

This Road, 92 miles long, affords the shortest existing outlet to Chicago, Toledo, Detroit, Fort Wayne, Logansport and intermediate points for the celebrated Block and Bituminous Coals of Parke County, as also, for the large surplus products of the rich agricultural and mineral section of the State which it traverses.

For the present we are offering these Bonds at 95, and accrued interest in currency, or will exchange them for Government Bonds, or other marketable securities, at the rates of the day.

Further and full particulars, with pamphlets and maps, furnished by us on personal or written application.

JONES & SCHUYLER,

NO. 12 PINE-ST., NEW-YORK,
FINANCIAL AGENTS OF THE COMPANY.

FINANCIAL.

A FIRST-CLASS NEW-YORK SECURITY AT A LOW PRICE.

The undersigned offer for sale the FIRST MORTGAGE SEVEN PER CENT. GOLD BONDS of the Syracuse and Chenango Valley Railroad, at 95 and accrued interest.

This road runs from the City of Syracuse to Smith's Valley, where it unites with the New-York Midland Railroad, thus connecting that city by a direct line of road with the Metropolis.

Its length is forty-two miles, its COST ABOUT $40,000 PER MILE, and it is MORTGAGED FOR LESS THAN $12,000 PER MILE; the balance of the funds required for its construction having been raised by subscription to the capital stock.

The road approaches completion. It traverses a populous and fertile district of the State, which insures it a paying business, and it is under the control of gentlemen of high character and ability. Its bonds possess all the requisites of an inviting investment. They are amply secured by a mortgage for LESS THAN NE-THIRD THE VALUE OF THE PROPERTY. They pay SEVEN PER CENT. GOLD INTEREST, and are offered five per cent. below par. The undersigned confidently recommend them to all classes of investors.

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ALL TAXES PAID.

Road Finished and Earning Expenses

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Montclair Railway Company,

NO. 25 NASSAU-ST.

The Coupons and registered interest due March 1, 1872, on the First Mortgage Bonds of this Company, will be paid at the office of Messrs. LEONARD, SHELDON & FOSTER, No. 10 Wall-st., on and after that date.

H. R. LOW, Treasurer.

PROPOSALS FOR BONDS.

Holders of bonds of the PORT HURON AND LAKE MICHIGAN RAILROAD COMPANY, bearing the traffic guarantee of the Great Western Railway Company of Canada, are hereby informed that the sum of $4,962 64 has been applied from traffic to the 31st December, 1871, by the said Great Western Railway Company of Canada for the purchase of bonds at no more than par, for which proposals will be received by the undersigned at his office at Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, until the 20th day of March next.

JOSEPH PRICE, Treasurer, &c.,
Great Western Railway Company.

FEB. 19, 1872.

UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Union Pacific Railroad Company, to elect officers for the ensuing year, and to transact any other business which may legally come before the meeting, will be held at the office of the Company, Sears Building, Boston, on WEDNESDAY, March 6, 1872, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Transfer-books will be closed after Saturday, the 24th inst.

THOMAS A. SCOTT, President.
E. H. ROLLINS, Secretary.

BOSTON, Feb. 2, 1872.

JOHN MUNROE & CO.,

BANKERS,
NO. 8 WALL-ST., NEW-YORK.
ISSUE CIRCULAR LETTERS OF CREDIT FOR TRAVELERS, ON THE CONSOLIDATED BANK, LONDON, AND ON MUNROE & CO., PARIS.
EXCHANGE ON LONDON AND PARIS.

CLEVELAND, COLUMBUS, CINCINNATI AND INDIANAPOLIS RAILWAY.
CLEVELAND, Ohio, Feb. 15, 1872.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE stockholders of this Company for the election of Directors, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting, will be held at the office of the Company in Cleveland, Ohio, on WEDNESDAY, March 6 next, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 2 P. M.

The transfer-books will be closed from the evening of 20th inst. until March 7.

GEO. H. RUSSELL, Secretary.

LOST OR DESTROYED.—CERTIFICATE No. 2,804, dated Jan. 14, 1868, for five shares of the capital stock of the Central National Bank of this City, standing in the name of Lucy Seliew. Transfer has been stopped, and application made for a new certificate.

FINANCIAL.

CAIRO & FULTON R. R. CO.

First Mortgage, Sinking Fund, Land-Grant Bonds.

DUE 1891 IN GOLD.

INTEREST, 7 PER CENT. GOLD; FREE OF GOVERNMENT TAX, PAYABLE JAN. 1 AND JULY 1 IN NEW-YORK.

THE CAIRO AND FULTON RAILROAD is the main artery for travel across the State of Arkansas. It is the continuation of the St. Louis and Iron Mountain Railroad and under the same management. It will connect the St. Louis roads and the Illinois Central Railroad with the International Railroad, the Southern Pacific Railroad and the Texas system of roads. Its length is 301 miles, and it deviates from a straight line but six miles. It has no grades over fifteen feet to the mile. It passes through the most thriving counties and the Capital, Little Rock. The Land-Grant of 1,926,400 acres, "is one of the most extensive and valuable ever made to any road by Congress." The whole road is under contract for building. About sixty miles are built and track-laying will go on at the rate of about half a mile a day until the connection of Little Rock with St. Louis is completed. The First Mortgage Bonds, $8,000,000 are the first lien upon the road, rolling-stock and lands, and are recommended as a safe investment. The officers are:

THOMAS A. ALLEN, (St. Louis).....President.
H. G. MARQUAND, (120 Broadway), Vice-President.
D. W. MCWILLIAMS, (120 Broadway).....Treasurer.
W. R. DONALDSON, (St. Louis).....Secretary.

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WM. T. BLODGETT, JOHN H. SWIFT,
WM. H. SWIFT, ALANSON TRASK.

The Union Trust Company, Trustee of the Bonds.

Price, 87½, and accrued interest in currency. The Company reserves the right to advance the price at any time. Marketable securities received in exchange at full market rates and Express charges paid. Maps and pamphlets may be obtained upon application to

H. G. MARQUAND, No. 120 BROADWAY.

CAYUGA LAKE RAILROAD,

State of New-York,

7 PER CENT.

FIRST MORTGAGE

GOLD BONDS.

THIRTY YEARS TO RUN, AND ISSUED FOR $20,000 PER MILE.

This road forms the shortest and most direct route from the great anthracite and semi-bituminous coal fields of Pennsylvania into the central part of this State, and will run in connection with the New-York Central Road, which it crosses at Cayuga Bridge. Traversing, as it does, the finest and most populous agricultural district, generally known as the "GARDEN OF THE STATE," its local traffic will be large, but its greatest source of revenue will be from its coal business. The road is being rapidly built, and will be in active operation during this year. From our knowledge of this enterprise, and after the most thorough investigation, we most confidently recommend the Bonds as a safe investment. We offer, for the present, the Bonds at 90 and accrued interest in currency.

LEONARD, SHELDON & FOSTER,
NO. 10 WALL-ST.

Howes & Macy, Bankers,

NO. 30 WALL-ST., NEW-YORK,

Offer the same facilities to Depositors as Incorporated Banks, and allow Interest on daily Balances at the rate of Four per Cent.

Collections made on any point at current rates, with immediate returns.

Special attention paid to choice Stock, Bonds, &c., &c., for Investors.

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NOS. 16 AND 18 NASSAU-ST., NEW-YORK,

Offer for sale a limited amount of first-class Investment Securities, as follows:

CITY ELIZABETH, N. J., 7 PER CENT. BONDS, DUE IN 1877 AT 94 AND ACCRUED INTEREST.

LONG ISLAND RAILROAD BONDS, SECURED BY FIRST MORTGAGE OF ONLY $10,000 PER MILE, ON OLD ROAD, PAYING REGULAR DIVIDENDS ON CAPITAL STOCK, PRICE OF BONDS 93 AND ACCRUED INTEREST.

SOUTHERN CENTRAL RAILROAD OF NEW-YORK FIRST MORTGAGE BONDS, ISSUED ONLY AT THE RATE OF $13,000 PER MILE. THIS ROAD IS COMPLETED AND IN SUCCESSFUL OPERATION. PRICE OF BONDS, 90 AND INTEREST.

New-York Town Bonds, 7 Per Cent.,

AND

Oswego City 7s,

FOR SALE BY

GEO. OPDYKE & CO.,

NO. 25 NASSAU-ST.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED by the undersigned, the Mayor of the City of St. Louis, at his office, City Hall, until 12 o'clock noon, of the 20th day of March proximo, for the purchase of

FIVE HUNDRED ST. LOUIS CITY WATER BONDS,

issued by authority of an act "To authorize the City of St. Louis to issue and dispose of additional bonds to enable it to extend and protect its Waterworks," approved Feb. 2, 1872.

Bonds to the amount of $500 each, to be dated April 1, 1872, having twenty years to run with interest at the rate of six per cent. payable semi-annually on the 1st day of April and October respectively, in gold coin of the United States, in the City of New-York, where the principal is also made payable in gold coin.

The net revenue derived from the Water-works is pledged by law for the redemption of the bonds now offered, both principal and interest, in the same manner as the bonds heretofore issued under the acts approved March 13, 1867, and March 25, 1870.

Bids will be received for any number of the bonds in sums of $5,000 and upward, and the proposals will be publicly opened in the office of the Mayor, on the day and time named.

The Mayor reserves the right to reject any or all bids, if in his opinion, the bids received be not satisfactory.

Proposals must be indorsed "Proposals for St. Louis Water Bonds," and addressed to the Mayor.

The law authorizing the issue of the bonds, can be seen on application at the Mayor's office.

Bids may be made payable in the issue of the National Banks, or the currency of the United States.

The bonds will be delivered in the City of St. Louis to the purchasers, whose bids are accepted, upon the 1st day of April, 1872, to be paid for when delivered.

Five per cent. of the amount in money or certified bank check, will be required to accompany each bid, to insure compliance with the same.

JOSEPH BROWN, Mayor.
Attest: JNO. J. FITZWILLIAM, Register.
ST. LOUIS, Feb. 10, 1872.

BROWN BROTHERS & CO.,

NO. 59 WALL-ST.,
ISSUE COMMERCIAL and TRAVELERS' CREDITS AVAILABLE in all PARTS of the WORLD.

OFFICE OF THE TOLEDO, PEORIA AND WARSAW RAILROAD COMPANY,
NEW-YORK, Feb. 27, 1872.

NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS.—THE transfer books of this Company will close at the office of the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company, No. 29 Exchange-place, on the 5th March, and remain closed until the 20th March. Per order

THOS. H. WILLIAMS, Assistant Secretary.

ATLANTIC MUTUAL INSURANCE Scrip of all issues wanted by WM. C. GILMAN, No. 49 Pine-st., corner William-st.

HORSES AND CARRIAGES.

A BARGAIN.—25 TO 35 SECOND-HAND carriages for public and private use; clarence, coaches, phaetons, &c.; great bargains, on easy terms. J. W. PITNEY, Nos. 458 and 460 3d-av.

GREAT BARGAINS IN GRAY HORSE, blankets, buffalo robes, black bear, Hudson Bay wolf, kangaroo, red fox; men's beaver collars, 75c. No. 107 Chambers-st.

FOR SALE—TOP WAGON AND HARNESS, nearly new. C. LAMB & SONS, Lexington-av., corner 49th-st.

TO LET—TWO STALLS AND FLOOR room for two carriages in private stable. Call at No. 206 East 33d-st.

LIGHT ONE-HORSE ROCKAWAY, pole and shafts, $140. Apply at 132 West 25th-st.

BOARDING AND LODGING.

NO. 28 WEST 12TH-ST., WITH BOARD.—A handsome parlor and bedroom, for a family or party of gentlemen, including piano; also, other rooms; best of references given; a few table-boarders can be accommodated.

FIRST-CLASS ROOMS AND BOARD AT Nos. 81 and 83 Columbia Heights, Brooklyn, with advantage of Turkish baths, if desired; three minutes' walk from Fulton Ferry.

A LARGE HANDSOMELY FURNISHED room with fire and gas, suitable for one or two gentlemen; $10 per week; hall, $3 per week. No. 224 2d-av., near 14th-st.

NO. 106 EAST 23D-ST.—HANDSOMELY-furnished rooms on the third floor front; also, rooms suitable for gentlemen; reference required; table first-class.

TO LET—A SUITE OF ROOMS IN THIRD story of brown-stone front house. No. 404 East 50th-st.; fine location; either furnished or unfurnished to suit party hiring.

BOARDING.—TWENTY-FIFTH-ST.—TWO front rooms, on the second story, to let, with board, at No. 128 East 25th-st.; also, two back rooms on the same floor, suitable for families.

ST. JULIEN HOTEL, NOS. 4 AND 6 Washington-place, one door from Broadway.—New improvements; best accommodations; rooms, en suite and single, from $4 to $30 per week.

A SUITE OF ROOMS, SUNNY AND pleasant, third story, front, furnished for light housekeeping; rent moderate. Call at No. 405 West 30th-st.

FIFTH-AV.—NO. 351, SECOND DOOR BELOW 34th-st., a handsomely-furnished front and back room on fourth floor to rent, with board; also one single room; references exchanged.

TO LET—SUITABLE FOR A DOCTOR OR dentist, a well-furnished apartment in a private family, near 14th-st. and 7th-av., with board, if desired. M. S. MYERS, No. 493 Broadway.

NO. 41 EAST 10TH-ST.—FURNISHED rooms to let, with board. References given and required.

NO. 53 WEST 33D-ST.—LARGE HALL room, with private bath and superior board; references.

A SUITE OF ROOMS TO LET—SECOND floor, with private table, at No. 434 5th-av. Apply to LOCKWOOD & CO., No. 94 Broadway.

A FURNISHED SITTING-ROOM AND bedroom, to gentlemen only, in the house of a private family, 98 West 11th-st., between 5th and 6th avs.

NO. 18 WEST 14TH-ST.—DESIRABLE rooms to let, with board; references exchanged.

BOARD WANTED.

BOARD WANTED—A GENTLEMAN AND his wife desire a parlor and bedroom in a private family where there are no other boarders; first-class board with meals served in the room; location between Lexington and 6th avs. and 14th and 42d sts. Address A. J. M., No. 70 Madison-st.

FINANCIAL.

BANKING HOUSE OF

Geo. Opdyke & Co

25 NASSAU ST
CORNER OF CEDAR ST.

FOUR PER CENT. interest allowed on current accounts, subject to check at sight.

PRIME INVESTMENTS for trust and other funds always on hand.

INVESTMENT ORDERS promptly executed for Governments, Gold, Bonds and other Securities.

COLLECTIONS WANTED ON CHICAGO, KEOKUK, DES MOINES, IOWA CITY, ST. JOSEPH, and other points in the Western States.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF the NINTH NATIONAL BANK of the City of New-York at the close of business on the 27th day of February, 1872:

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts		$5,215,570 40
Overdrafts		6,114 75
United States bonds to secure circulation		705,000 00
United States bonds on hand		610,250 00
Due from national banks		717,697 76
Due from other banks and bankers		264,511 88
Banking-house		500,000 00
Current expenses		13,680 54
Taxes paid		20,581 45
Premiums		96,175 63
Cash items and revenue stamps		4,017 97
Exchanges		863,005 97
Fractional currency and nickels		6,070 00
Specie, viz: Coin	$16,221 20	
Treasury notes	588,580 00	
Checks	5,387 08—	590,688 28
Legal tenders		1,149,029 19
Custom-house certificates		55,000 00
Total		$10,817,393 54

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock	$1,500,000 00
Surplus	175,000 00
Discount	25,343 33
Exchange	598 34
Interest	23,811 87
Profit and loss	4,316 17
Circulation outstanding	628,049 00
Dividends unpaid	1,814 00
Individual deposits	2,407,183 64
Certified checks	112,359 19
Due to national banks	4,066,424 84
Due to other banks and bankers	1,873,391 22
Total	$10,817,393 54

State of New-York, County of New-York, ss.: I, JOHN T. HILL, Cashier of the Ninth National Bank of the City of New-York, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

JOHN T. HILL, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of March, 1872. J. H. V. ARNOLD, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:
THOMAS A. VYSE, JR.,
CLEMENT S. PARSONS,
GARDNER R. COLBY, } Directors.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF the SECOND NATIONAL BANK OF NEW-

AFTER MILLER.

The Investigation Continued Yesterday by the Legislative Committee.

The Miller Life Bill—Payment of $3,500 by the Mutual and $1,500 by the Security Company — More About the Commonwealth Check.

The examination in the conduct of GEORGE W. MILLER as Superintendent of the Insurance Department was renewed yesterday before the Legislative Committee. Mr. LIPPITT occupied the chair, and Messrs. BABCOCK, ENOS and ATKINS were present at the opening of the proceedings. Mr. TOBEY also joined the Committee for a short time during the morning session.

The first witness introduced was Mr. PLINY FREEMAN, the President of the Globe Insurance Company. In answer to Mr. BARNES he testified that he had declined to sign the testimonial to Mr. MILLER, and thought he was not justified in so doing, as it would not be saying the truth, so far as his Company was concerned; he thought that his Company had not been properly treated by the Insurance Department, in relation to the last annual statement made by the Company; the statement had been made out as usual, sworn to and transmitted, and they had heard nothing of it; they had not been notified that anything was wrong until they heard of it from different parts of the United States; it was from the book, or printed report, that they first learned there was anything deficient, and it was afterward discovered that the supposed deficiency was an error of the Department—an error of $100,000 in the footing; the error was afterward discovered and rectified, but not until after considerable correspondence, and the necessity of the Company's actuary going to Albany; after great delay a correction was appended to the printed matter as an erratum; it was then only corrected in part, and the injury done to the Company all through the United States could not be repaired; the correction did not repair the injury in full.

Mr. BARNES then asked the witness' impression as to the management by the Superintendent of the affairs of the Great Western Mutual Life Insurance Company, and, assuming the report to be true, whether or not the policy-holders could not have been reinsured.

Mr. MILLER objected to the introduction of any more impressions, as the Supreme Court decided the question. The witness was then cross-examined by Mr. MILLER, and testified that the error was made by the Insurance Department during Mr. MILLER's absence in Europe. He could not tell the precise time when the error was discovered. No correspondence had been had with Mr. MILLER on the subject. The report shows a deficiency of over $22,000 in the table in the Company's assets; but a correction at the foot of the same page exhibits a surplus of over $62,000. The Company's Actuary had told him, the witness, that the error was not corrected in full. He personally did not know if it was correct.

Mr. BARNES asked what was the effect of the closing up of the business of the Great Western Mutual Life Insurance Company.

Mr. MILLER inquired into the object of the question.

Mr. BARNES said that he wanted to show that by placing the affairs in the hands of a Tammany receiver the assets had been depreciated from fifty to seventy-five per cent., and that stockholders in Texas, Georgia, Michigan, &c., had lost their money, which might have been preserved if a cooler course of action had been adopted.

Mr. MILLER said he gloried in the course of action he had adopted, thereby saving others in Texas, Georgia and Michigan from being robbed of their money. If assets could be depreciated fifty or seventy-five per cent. by putting a company into the hands of a receiver, then the company was not sound. He felt more compunction in what he had not done, under similar circumstances, than what he had done; and regretted he had not, in some cases, exercised the fullest powers intrusted to him, and saved other confiding victims. He produced the Massachusetts annual report, and asked the witness if that report did not show a greater surplus than did that of New-York, and if so, which was correct?

Mr. FREEMAN said they were both correct. According to the Massachusetts standard, when the report was presented, it was found that a small deficiency existed, and to make that up $60,000 in bonds and mortgages were subsequently added to the assets. The Massachusetts and New-York blanks differed at that time.

THE WESTCHESTER COUNTY FIRE COMPANY.

HENRY GRIFFIN, Assistant Secretary of the Westchester County Fire Insurance Company, was then called by Mr. BARNES. He had seen Mr. ELDRIDGE in the office with Mr. PENFIELD; Mr. ELDRIDGE had called several times to see Mr. PENFIELD, but had not met him; but at last met him one day at noon. Mr. ELDRIDGE came behind the counter, and sat down by the side of Mr. PENFIELD, with whom he had about fifteen minutes' conversation; the witness had paid no attention to the conversation, which occurred some time in May, and soon after the examination; Mr. PENFIELD and Mr. ELDRIDGE went out together; the witness had had no conversation with Mr. ELDRIDGE; had never given him a check or package; Mr. PENFIELD never intrusted a check to him for payment to Mr. ELDRIDGE, and he had personally paid him no check for the Company; he thought the clerk was present when Mr. ELDRIDGE called on Mr. PENFIELD.

THE HOPE COMPANY'S $500 TO MILLER.

DAVID ROWLAND was then called by Mr. BARNES to testify to the statement produced by HENRY A. JONES, the President of the Hope Mutual Life Insurance Company. The statement was handed to the witness, who testified, in reply to Mr. BARNES, that the sum of $1,000 was given to R. A. SOUTHWICK for the examination of the Company's affairs; a check was drawn to the order of the witness, who drew the cash and paid Mr. SOUTHWICK in currency; the payment was made soon after the examination; he did not pay him with a check to SOUTHWICK'S order, as at first he was doubtful what would be a fair recompense; when the money was paid, there was no conversation on the subject; the witness handed him the money, and asked if he was satisfied; Mr. SOUTHWICK expressed surprise that the amount was so large; the amount of $500 mentioned in the statement as being paid to Mr. MILLER was never paid to him; how the sum came on the statement was as follows: Mr. JONES asked witness to give him an estimate of the expenses of the examination and charges at Albany, and among other things he had put Mr. MILLER down for $500; when the statement was but before the Finance Company that item was objected to and never allowed; the bill was otherwise passed; the item of Mr. MILLER'S was considered an improper one to pay; the witness thought Mr. MILLER had been at a great expense in traveling, and desired to give him the amount as a testimonial, as he was convinced Mr. MILLER had given great aid to the Hope Mutual in the passage of the bill to allow the increase of the capital stock; the witness had charged $940 for his own expenses at Albany during the time he was there, which was nearly ninety days; he knew the money was not paid to Mr. MILLER, as the President strongly objected to it; the examination into the Company's affairs was made in March, 1871, and the bill for expenses was made out after that time; the witness had suggested the $500 to be given to Mr. MILLER, as he was about to visit Europe; the examination of the Company's affairs was made at the request of the Company, as it was deemed advisable in reference to the legislative action then in progress; the witness had received $2,500 from the National Life Insurance Company to pay expenses for attending to Albany matters for the Company; Mr. HENRY A. JONES had recommended him to Mr. EDWARD A. JONES for that purpose; the price was fixed in advance; Mr. E. A. JONES said he was going to Europe, and he had employed him to attend to legislative matters, so that nothing should be introduced to the injury of young companies; he requested Mr. MILLER, at the suggestion of the officers of the Company, to make an examination of that Company's affairs; Mr ELDRIDGE made the examination; being under the impression that Mr. ELDRIDGE belonged to the Insurance Department, the witness did not pay him, as he expected Mr. MILLER to send in a bill; witness acted for no other companies, but had received $250 from the Metropolitan, for services rendered; he received the $2,500 from the National Life at different times, and he relieved by check each time, drawn to his order.

In reply to Mr. TOBEY, the witness testified that he had no arrangement with Mr. MILLER or any other person in relation to the $500 mentioned in the statement produced by Mr. HENRY A. JONES, and the suggestion had been purely his own; but when Mr. JONES objected to the appropriation, it was stricken out; the money was never given to Mr. MILLER; the $940 for expenses at Albany was a fair charge, as he was there nearly ninety days, having gone up soon after the bill was introduced, in the latter part of January, and remained there until it was signed by the Governor.

The witness was then cross-examined by Mr. MILLER, who produced letters from Hon. ALLEN C. BEACH and Gen. MCQUADE, introducing DAVID ROWLAND to him. Witness said that he was not acquainted with Mr. MILLER until the letters introduced him; the object of the introduction was to get the examination of the Hope Company's affairs made as soon as possible; Mr. MILLER said all his clerks were busily engaged at Albany, and it would be impossible to make an examination at that time; the examination was desired speedily, as there had been several failures at the time, and delay injured the Company's business, as every one seemed afraid of a New-York Life Company; Mr. MILLER said he would get some expert to make the examination, but the Company would have to bear the expense; that was the reason Mr. SOUTHWICK was employed; he has never paid Mr. MILLER one dollar as a recompense, nor did Mr. MILLER intimate that one dollar would be required.

Mr. DAVID S. MANNERS made an explanation in reply to Mr. YERRANCE'S statement on Saturday, and intimated that he had not intended to insinuate that Mr. YERRANCE had recommended him to pay Mr. MILLER any sum to influence his action in the New-Amsterdam Company's affairs.

THE BRITISH COMMERCIAL POLICY-HOLDERS.

THOMAS H. BORDEN, one of the policy-holders in the British Commercial Life Insurance Company, testified that he paid $2,170 as seven years' premium on his policy.

Mr. MILLER asked the object of this inquiry.

Mr. BARNES said he could show that if the deposits had been kept in the insurance fund the policy-holders might have received the whole amount.

Mr. MILLER said he had obeyed the order of the Supreme Court; and Mr. BARNES contended that the matter should have been carried to the Court of Appeals. The discussion lasted several minutes, when Mr. MILLER gave way.

The witness said he had surrendered his policy, upon which he had paid seven years' premium, for $310, as he thought it was the best he could do. Mr. LAWRENCE, of the Continental Life Insurance Company, who had reinsured the British Commercial risks, said he had been stuck enough already, and could give no more.

In answer to Mr. MILLER he said he knew nothing of the affairs of the Continental Life Insurance Company, except so far as it concerned his own policy.

THE MILLER LIFE BILL.

THEODORE R. WETMORE, of the Security Life Insurance Company, produced the check and check-book, which showed that on March 18, 1871, the sum of $1,500 was paid to JUSTUS LAWRENCE, and that Mr. LAWRENCE drew the amount. Mr. WETMORE said he had had confidence enough in Mr. LAWRENCE not to inquire if the money had been properly used, but believed it had been used for a general revision of the Life Act, and for similar purposes; he had left it to Mr. LAWRENCE'S discretion as to how it was to be used.

SENATOR PIERCE'S $5,000 CHECK.

Mr. G. T. HOPE said that a paragraph had appeared in the *Insurance Times* that CHARLES WILSON, the Vice-President of the defunct Home Fire Insurance Company of New-Haven, who knew all about the $5,000 check given to Senator PIERCE, had been spirited away, and that he could produce him. Mr. WILSON, Mr. HOPE said, was then present and ready to testify. Some very excited discussion here arose relative to the matter, Mr. BARNES saying that he did not wish the examination to be conducted by outside parties. At the proper time he had no objection to Mr. WILSON testifying.

Mr. HOPE said Mr. WILSON had to leave town at once. The charge had been publicly made and he wished him examined.

TESTIMONY OF CHARLES WILSON.

After a very excited debate between Mr. BARNES and Mr. MILLER, Mr. WILSON was placed on the stand and examined by Mr. BARNES: He said he had been connected with the Home Fire Insurance Company from its organization until July, 1870—a period of twelve years; the examination of the Company's affairs was made by Mr. MILLER, in June, 1870, and occupied a day or two; he knew nothing of the process of the examination, or who was present at the time; the capital was reduced from $1,000,000 to $500,000; the counsel of the Company was T. E. DOOLITTLE; Mr. PIERCE came to the office on one occasion, but only remained a few minutes; he did not remember an entry in the book of $5,000 being paid to SEWELL and PIERCE as a retainer; there were several checks made out to E. S. SCANTON & Co., and he identified one which he had drawn for $5,000 to their order; he did not know the object of the check, and had no reason to suppose it was paid to SEWELL and PIERCE; Mr. WILSON explained how he came to visit New-York to give his testimony; he had received a note from Mr. HOPE, who inclosed the slip cut from the paper; on Sunday, while in church, Mr. ENGLISH had asked him what he knew about the matter, and, although he declined giving any information on the subject at that time and place, he was willing to give it then; he had been almost threatened with further publications if he did not give Mr. ENGLISH the information; when he came to New-York he had no idea of coming before the Committee.

In answer to Mr. MILLER, he said he was not aware that Mr. ENGLISH had said the Home Fire Insurance Company had never had more than $400,000 worth of capital; if he had said so, it was false; the cash capital was $850,000, and the remaining $150,000 was made up of stock dividends; they were at the time they so stated in actual possession of $1,000,000 of capital; the reduction of capital to $500,000 left that amount unimpaired. The witness knew nothing of the affairs of the Company after he left, except that their losses far exceeded their receipts during the time from June to December, 1870.

THE MILLER LIFE BILL AGAIN.

JOHN M. STUART, Secretary of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, produced a copy from the stub check-book on the Bank of New-York, showing the following entry:

"No. 11,856.—Paid G. W. MILLER, Albany, for sundry expenses in passing laws, $3,500, March 14, 1871."

The witness said he could produce the check; he presumed it was charged to the tax account; he knew nothing of the special object for which the check was drawn; he knew nothing nor had any recollection of any payment being made to the Attorney-General, Deputy Attorney-General, or LYMAN W. BRIGGS; he knew nothing of the check except from the stub, and as that was in his handwriting, he supposed he drew it; he had no knowledge of the check being connected with the examination of 1870.

RICHARD A. MCCURDY, Vice-President of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, testified that the check had been drawn by the order of the President, Mr. WINSTON, and understood, somewhat imperfectly, that it was to be used toward securing the passage of some bill before the Legislature; he knew nothing about a list to raise $20,000; Mr. WINSTON and JAMES H. GOODSELL entered the witness' room on the day in question, and were talking for a time about some measure that was before the Legislature, after which Mr. WINSTON assented to the payment of $3,500; the check was made payable to the order of Mr. MILLER, as Mr. WINSTON was not well enough acquainted with Mr. GOODSELL; Mr. WINSTON thought the bill was a good one, and forwarded the check to Mr. MILLER, inclosed in a letter.

THAT COMMONWEALTH CHECK.

GEORGE T. HAWS, late President of the Commonwealth Fire Insurance Company from November, 1866, to the time when it went into the hands of a receiver, testified that he recollected a check being drawn for $1,000, and believed it was paid JOHN FOWLER, JR., for past professional services; he had no knowledge of the erasures in the stub check-book, or in the cash-book, and only saw them a few days after the Company had been in the hands of the receiver; he had never seen Mr. MILLER until the second examination, in March, 1871, and had never paid him a dollar in any way, either directly or through counsel; the examination was made by Mr. SOTHWICK, as he supposed, under the direction of Mr. MILLER, and Mr. SOUTHWICK was paid $300 for his services.

The investigation was then adjourned until this morning at 10½ o'clock.

Paying Off the Pensioners.

The narrow thoroughfare at the back of the Custom-house, known as Exchange-place, from 12 o'clock on Sunday night until daybreak yesterday morning presented an unusual and a strange spectacle. Crowds of men and women, young and old, generally the latter, clung to the iron railings in front of the basement of the Custom-house, where the Pension Office is situated, and at 4 A. M. there could have been no fewer than five hundred. At 5 A. M. the doors of the pay-office were opened, and the business of the day began. The accommodation provided for the pensioners was of the most meagre description. Two little rooms were set apart for the infirm applicants, while a large and dirty yard held a couple of hundred of the rougher and younger ones. Three old men of nearly eighty years, veterans of the war of 1812, attracted much attention, and were the recipients of many kind words and attentions from those present. The payments made did not average more than ten per hour, and it will probably be a labor of weeks before all the pensioners within thirty miles of New-York are paid off.

Christening.

The Philadelphia Burglary—More Stolen Property Identified.

FRANK R. PAGE, of No. 1 Washington-place, who was arrested on Saturday afternoon for having in his possession $3,000 worth of silks and laces which had been stolen from the store of JAMES M. COX, (agent for E. S. JAFFRAY & Co., of this City,) at No. 727 Chestnut-street, Philadelphia, as already fully published in the TIMES, was arraigned before Justice HOGAN, at the Tombs, yesterday, in company with SAMUEL WALKER, alias Walter Warren, from whom it is supposed the goods were purchased. Complaints against PAGE and WALKER were made by Mr. COX, who fully established the identity of the goods, and detailed the manner in which they had been stolen from the store. The Magistrate held the accused in $5,000 each for examination. The fur cape and the velvet and silk cloaks, found also in PAGE'S establishment, have been identified by Miss ANNIE COGSWELL, of No. 154 East Thirty-second-street, as her property. The lady alleges that on the evening of the 29th ult. her residence was entered by sneak-thieves, and $1,400 worth of property was carried off. Among the things stolen were the three cloaks valued at $700, found in the establishment of Mr. PAGE, which he stated had been offered to him for sale by WALKER. Affidavits were accordingly made by Miss COGSWELL against PAGE and WALKER, and they were required to find $2,500 additional bail each. Mr. JOHN CHAMBERLIN, of No. 715 Broadway, gave bonds for the appearance of PAGE, and he was released. WALKER could not find bail and was locked up.

THE CITY OF BROOKLYN.

THE CONTROLLER'S OFFICE.

Deficiency in the Accounts of Ex-Controller Johnson—Selling City Bonds Below Par—A Communication from Mr. Shroeder to the Aldermen.

A deficiency of nearly $100,000 has been discovered in the accounts of Ex-Controller EVAN M. JOHNSON, of Brooklyn. It first received publicity yesterday afternoon, when, at the meeting of the Board of Aldermen, the following communication from Controller SHROEDER was read, causing much astonishment among the members of that body:

CONTROLLER'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, BROOKLYN, March 4, 1872.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

GENTLEMEN: It is my duty to inform you that I find a deficiency in the accounts of the Ex-Controller, Mr. EVAN M. JOHNSON, of cash returned to the city for sewerage bonds, and assessment bonds issued for street improvements, made under the authority of the Water Board. I inclose a detailed statement of each class of bonds, with the dates of issue and of the amounts returned to the Treasurer and when returned. In addition to the deficiency in principal, the accrued interest is unaccounted for. The deficiency on sewer bonds, as will be seen from the inclosed statement, amounts to $41,110; that on the assessment bonds, $58,050. I inclose a copy of the letter addressed by me to Mr. JOHNSON in reference to this matter, and a copy of his answer. The remedy suggested by Mr. JOHNSON to cover the deficiency is novel, but will hardly meet the case.

The Corporation Counsel has expressed to me the opinion that the laws authorizing the issuing of these bonds clearly intended that they should not be sold for less than par, inasmuch as no provision was made to cover any discount by assessment or otherwise. The books of this office contain no evidence that discounts were allowed to any party; no rate of sale is stated. The reports of the Ex-Controller fail to make any exhibit of such discounts or deficiencies. These bonds bear interest at the rate of seven per cent. per annum, and are as good a security as the city offers for sale; those referred to are still outstanding, and mostly in the hands of first purchasers. I respectfully submit these facts to you honorable body for consideration, and ask that such steps may be taken as may be considered expedient to make up the deficiencies referred to. Your obedient servant,

F. A. SCHROEDER, Controller.

The correspondence referred to as enclosed consists of two letters, one from Mr. SHROEDER, informing Mr. JOHNSON of his discovery of the deficiency, and asking in what manner it occurred, and how it can be provided for; the other Mr. JOHNSON'S answer to the same, in which he says:

"As to your inquiries as to deficiencies between the amount of bonds issued and the amount credited as record thereof, upon the Controller's books, I would say that upon the total sales of sewerage bonds made by me as Controller, there occurred a deficiency which is, I presume, the amount of $41,110, mentioned in your note. Upon the total sales of assessment bonds during my term, a like deficiency in receipts occured, the amount of which is, I presume, the other amount stated in your note, $58,050. In each case the books kept by me in the office given the correct amount. The cause of the deficiency in both cases was the very simple one that the bonds did not bring par. The discount at which they were so objected to be sold is the deficiency referred to. In answer to your inquiry, "How in my opinion should such deficiency be provided for?" I can only say that there seems to be but one way—that is, to issue a sufficient number of new bonds therefor when required."

Of the assessment bonds for repaving, under the direction of the Water Board, Mr. SHROEDER shows that during the past three years bonds to the value of $2,315,000 were issued, while for the same time the Controller, Mr. JOHNSON, returned $2,256,950, making a difference of $58,050. On the sewerage bond account, during the same period, bonds to the amount of $1,290,000 were sold, while only $1,878,890 were returned, a difference of $99,000, but as these bonds were afterward sold below par in market some allowance must be made on that account. After hearing the reading of the Controller's communication, on motion of Mr. RABER it was resolved that the matter be referred to the Finance Committee, with power to send for persons and papers.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

Pratt's Oil-Works—The Controller's Accounts—Street-Car Passengers' Rights.

A communication was yesterday received from the Mayor by the Common Council, nominating ALEXANDER FORMERS and WM. P. LIBBY as members of the Board of Education, in place of WM. L. GILL resigned, and DEMAS BARNES, who declines reappointment. A communication was also received from the Police Board, calling attention to the condition of the stills in PRATT'S Oil-works, where an explosion of a still occurred a short time ago, on account of their being unprovided with safety valves; and on another accident, with more serious results, is likely to occur at any time, the matter was referred to the Board of Health.

A communication was also received from the Controller, stating that the general fund account in some cases shows a deficiency and in others a surplus. The aggregate deficiency is $352,284 43, and the aggregate surplus $33,139 34; net deficiency, $319,145 09. The Controller asked leave to apply the surplus toward the reduction of the deficiency, and suggested that bonds be issued to supply the remainder. A resolution was adopted giving him authority to supply the surplus as desired; and another resolution was passed, directing the Corporation Counsel to draft a bill for presentation to the Legislature, authorizing the issue of bonds to the amount of the net deficiency, the payment of said bonds to be provided for by the addition of $50,000 yearly to the annual budget. The representatives of Kings County in the Legislature was requested to assist in the passage of the bill.

A resolution was offered providing that no railroad company in Brooklyn shall require any passenger to pay fare unless he is provided with a seat.

Alderman RICHARDSON offered an amendment to the effect that any person getting upon a car after it was full should be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor. The amendment was lost, and the resolution was adopted. A resolution was also passed favoring the passage of a bill by the Legislature authorizing the Brooklyn and Newtown Railroad to run their cars on the track of the Brooklyn City Railroad, from De Kalb-avenue to Fulton Ferry.

Board of Supervisors.

The Board of Supervisors for Kings County met yesterday, Supervisor OSBORNE in the chair, when a communication was received from the keeper of the Kings County Penitentiary, in reference to making the institution self-supporting. To accomplish this result, the keeper thinks it necessary that he should have entire control of all matters connected with the government of the prison, the furnishing of supplies, &c., similar to the plan adopted at the Albany Penitentiary. He thought that by dispensing with several keepers, and sending all long-term prisoners to the Penitentiary, the end desired could be accomplished.

The Committee of Fifty's Investigations—Money Wasted on Street Lamps and Lighting.

A subcommittee of the Brooklyn Committee of Fifty, Messrs. JOHN S. ROBERTS and GIDEON FROST, have made a report upon the Departments of Auditors and Assessors relating to street lamps and lighting. The report is based upon an examination of the accounts of 1869, 1870 and 1871, and gives the number of lamp-posts put up in that time as 5,580; average cost each, $48; total, $267,840; repairs and replacements, $22,000; grand total, $290,000. These figures, the Committee claim, are extravagant, as the work could have been performed for $90,000 less than was charged. The expenses for street lighting are given as follows:

In 1863	$135,000	In 1870	$670,205
In 1867	325,000	In 1871	702,405
In 1869	572,000		

The report claims that under this account $594,405 has been wasted, the aggregate cost for the past three years having been $1,944,405, when it might have been done for about $1,350,000. The report recommends that the management and appointment of street lamp-lighters be under the control of the gas companies.

Brief Items.

Yesterday permanent water loan bonds to the amount of $25,000 were issued by the Controller.

The show-window of E. LEWIS & Co., No. 265 Fulton-street, was broken into on Sunday night, and $100 worth of silks taken therefrom.

A new gas company has been formed under the title of the "Nassau Gas Company." They will supply a portion of the Eastern District.

The report of the Board of Health for last week shows 71 cases of small-pox, 28 of scarlet fever, 6 of typhoid fever and 10 cases of diphtheria.

Supposed Murder in Hunter's Point.

On Friday night JOSEPH F. TAYLOR, Captain of a canal-boat lying in Newtown Creek, missed his wife, SARAH, and after long search he found her drunk in WILLIS' canal-boat. TAYLOR attacked WILLIS, and an altercation ensued. WILLIS was reinforced by his wife, who commenced to beat the drunken woman with a club. Finding that they were getting the worst of the fight, TAYLOR started for a policeman, but not finding one in Hunter's Point, or being able to persuade one from Greenpoint to arrest WILLIS, he returned to the canal-boat, where he was much surprised to find no trace of his wife. Yesterday WILLIS and his wife were arrested, charged with the murder of Mrs. TAYLOR, and brought before Recorder PEARSALL for examination. The fight was admitted by both parties, and its sanguinary character was attested by the bloody deck. When TAYLOR left for the canal-boat, where he was much surprised to find no trace of his wife. Yesterday WILLIS and his wife were arrested, charged with the murder of Mrs. TAYLOR, and brought before Recorder PEARSALL for examination. The fight was admitted by both parties, and its sanguinary character was attested by the bloody deck. When TAYLOR left for the canal-boat, where he was much surprised to find no trace of his wife. WILLIS says that immediately on the departure of TAYLOR they desisted from their attack, and he, together with one of the deck hands named MCCORMICK, went to CALAHAN'S liquor store. The creek will be dragged this morning in the neighborhood of the boats, in order to find the body, for which a reward is offered. Both the WILLISES and MCCORMICK were committed to await further developments.

CHEAP WATCHES.

Alleged Frauds—How Inferior Goods are Disposed of—Legal Proceedings Instituted.

A store has recently been opened on Broadway, which startles the public by the announcement that the Great Geneva Watch Company, after thirty years' business existence, has suddenly collapsed, and that their bankrupt stock is to be had at ridiculously low prices. Upon a visit to the store, watches of all kinds, silver and gold, may be found at prices ranging from $6 to $45. The walls are placarded with announcements that everything is guaranteed, and that all the watches must be sold, that they have been bought at such ruinous prices as to enable the dealers to almost give them away. The names of first-class firms are used as references to their value. It seems that watch movements are made wholesale, each part being sold by the gross; the best are fitted together carefully and finished into first-class watches. The remaining inferior parts are put hastily together and these are put on the market by jobbers, the goods being known in the trade as "refuse." The names of dealers of high repute are sometimes put on these worthless goods to enhance their character—but close examination reveals a slight alteration, such as Waltham for Waltham, and thus the law on imitating trade-marks is supposed to be evaded, while the buyer is cheated with a spurious article. The firms whose names are used in the Broadway store ignore the whole concern, and our reporters have been told that there never was a "Great Geneva Watch Company" in Switzerland or anywhere else.

In the Superior Court, yesterday, before Judge SEDGWICK, counsel made application on behalf of the "American Watch Company" for an injunction to restrain "The Great Geneva Watch Company" from selling watches purporting to be manufactured by or bearing the engraved mark or stamp of "William Ellery," or "John Ellery," or "any colorable imitation of the same." The complaint on which the injunction was asked for sets forth that the watches advertised to be sold by the defendants, composed individually of —— Brown, —— Stanley, —— Lee, —— Bradey, —— Braday, J. R. Elkhart, Jr., Henry P. Elias, John Doe, and Richard Roe, are of much inferior quality to those made and sold by the American Watch Company, and bear the trade name of "John Ellery," of which trade-mark the American Company are the sole owners. The American Company further charges that its business must have been injured to a great extent by the sale of those spurious watches of the "John Ellery" make, advertised for sale by the defendants at the store No. 763 Broadway.

Judge SEDGWICK granted the injunction, restraining the defendants and each of them, their attorneys, agents, clerks, servants, employes and workmen from directly or indirectly selling or causing to be sold, or offering for sale any watch movements manufactured by any person or corporation other than the "American Watch Company," under the denomination of "William Ellery" or "John Ellery," or whereon is engraved, stamped, pressed or in any way made apparent the words "William Ellery" or "John Ellery," or any colorable imitation of the same. The Judge also granted an order directing the defendants to show cause before him on the 6th inst., at 10 A. M., why the injunction should not be made perpetual until the termination of the suit.

Annual Meeting of the Protestant Episcopal Sunday-School Association.

The annual meeting of the Protestant Episcopal Sunday-school Teachers' Association was held last evening at St. Chrysostom's Chapel, Rev. GEORGE F. QUACKENBOS presiding.

The annual report showed that good work had been accomplished during the past year. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Rev. J. H. Rylance, D. D.; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. D. B. Whitlock, E. F. Cutler, Ira Chase; Secretary, Frederick Schroeder; Treasurer, Philip M. Oakley; Chaplain, Rev. A. C. Lambar.

The expediency of paying competent Sunday-school teachers was discussed generally, the majority of the speakers being of opinion that the teachers who went through his work from love of it and actuated by the spirit of Christ, would do it better than the person who did so simply because he or she was paid for it.

NEW-YORK AND SUBURBAN NEWS.

NEW-YORK.

The produce merchants intend erecting a new edifice as an exchange, and advertise for a site.

A musical entertainment will be given at Lyric Hall to-morrow evening by Miss JOHANNA SIMMONS.

Dr. MOREAU MORRIS contradicts a rumor that he intends to resign his position as City Sanitary Inspecter.

The amount of fines imposed upon the members of the Police force during the month of February was $1,997 47.

The Court of Oyer and Terminer was opened yesterday by Judge CARDOZO, and adjourned over until Wednesday.

Arndt Lodge No. 231, I. O. O. F., last evening celebrated its second anniversary by a series of social festivities at the Turn Hall.

The Grand Jury will meet today, and tomorrow will come into the Court of General Sessions and present a number of indictments.

ANN GRACE, aged twenty-four, died at Bellevue Hospital yesterday from burns received from the explosion of a kerosene lamp on the 20th ult.

ROBERT FAGAN, four years of age, whose parents reside at No. 441 First-avenue, while playing about a bonfire, was so terribly burned that he died yesterday.

In the case of BENJAMIN B. BESSON against OLIVER F. PAPY to recover damages for assault and battery, Judge ROBINSON yesterday reduced defendent's bail to $4,000.

A petition, signed by about 40,000 citizens, has been presented to the Board of Trustees of the Cooper Institute, asking them to open the library and reading-room on Sunday.

Superintendent KELSO issued orders yesterday directing that in future four detective officers shall be on duty at the Central Office every night for any emergency that may arise.

CHARLES WILCOX, a conductor of car No. 59 of the Second-avenue line, yesterday jumped off the front platform. He fell on the track, and the front wheel of the car passed over and crushed one of his feet.

JOHN BROWN was locked up at Jefferson Market, yesterday, on a charge of stealing two lap-rugs, of the value of $150, from the stable of DEXTER B. GOUGH, No. 490 Sixth-avenue, in which he was employed.

The Chamber of Commerce has received from Lord TENTERDEN an official copy of the case presented on the part of Her Britanic Majesty to the Geneva Tribunal of Arbitration. It makes a book of 168 pages.

AUGUST MEYER, a clerk in the employ of HERMAN FESENHEIM, at No. 76 Beekman-street, was committed for trial by Justice DOWLING, yesterday, on a charge of having appropriated $27 belonging to his employer.

The German Republican Association of the Thirteenth Assembly District last evening pledged themselves to support the candidates nominated at the National Republican Convention to be held in Philadelphia.

Superintendent KELSO gave notice yesterday to several Police Captains that too much gas was being used in the Stations, and warned them to use more economy, or they would have complaints preferred against them.

The challenge issued by the Paris crew, of St. John, N. B., to row either the Chambers crew, the Taylor and Winship crew, of England, the Hunter crew, of Plattsburg, or the Bigelow crew, of New-York, has been accepted by the last named.

WILLIAM VARLEY, known as Reddy the Blacksmith, and JAMES W. SMITH, the Tammany "awning man," were arrested on Sunday night for reckless driving on Seventh-avenue. They were taken to Jefferson Market yesterday, and fined $3 each. "Reddy" paid the fines.

A woman, accompanied by a child, was arrested on Sunday evening, in a saloon on Beekman-street, on suspicion that she had stolen it. She confessed that she had stolen the child from a gentleman's house in Orange, N. J., to excite sympathy. She was committed to await developments.

The Fourteenth Assembly District Reform Association met last evening and elected the following officers: President, Julius Boekell; Vice-Presidents, F. Biele and F. R. Semm; Recording Secretary, Albert W. Schuck; Corresponding Secretary, Franz T. Muller; Treasurer, John W. Schuckmann.

A fire occurred yesterday afternoon in the building No. 372 Pearl-street, occupied by L. HOFHEIMER, lounge manufacturer, the East River Printing Company, WRIGHT'S vegetable pill factory, and GOETZMAN & Co., confectioners. The damage to building and contents will not exceed $6,000; all fully insured.

The appeal from the decision of Judge MONELL awarding the bequest of $25,000 by the late JOHN ALSTYNE to "St. Luke's House for Indigent Christian Females" in preference to "The Society for the Relief of Indigent Aged Females," by whom it was claimed, was argued yesterday before the General Term of the Superior Court, and decision reserved.

By an inadvertence it was stated in the TIMES that the free lectures at the Cooper Union were closed on Saturday for the season. That portion of the course relating to social and political science was closed, but the course on physical science, which will consist of six lectures, will commence on Saturday next by Prof. CHANDLER, of Columbia College lecturing on "combustion."

A fight occured, yesterday morning, in a lager-beer saloon, on Third-avenue, between One Hundred and Twenty-ninth and One Hundred and Thirtieth streets, and during the struggle JAMES MCKUSKEY was struck on the head with a bottle by THOMAS MURRAY, inflicting serious wounds. MURRAY was arrested and taken to the Yorkville Court, where he was committed to await the result of MCKUSKEY'S injuries.

WESTCHESTER COUNTY.

The town election for Trustees and Treasurer of Yonkers takes place today.

Three citizens of Mount Vernon were arrested on Sunday evening and held to answer for playing cards, &c., on the Sabbath.

The 8 A. M. Chicago express from New-York was detained some time, yesterday morning, at Yonkers, the truck of one of the passenger-cars being discovered on fire.

The Hudson is clear of ice from Cold Spring to Magazine Point. From thence to Peekskill the river is well packed; below that point it is filled with drift ice.

A special election of the tax-payers of Sing Sing will be held today, for the purpose of authorizing the collection of a special tax of $5,000 for paving the street on Lower Dock Hill and Central-avenue.

The livery stables belonging to Mr. JOHN MORRISON, at Williams' Bridge, were destroyed by fire on Sunday night, and four horses, a calf, several wagons and a quantity of harness were totally consumed. The loss was estimated at $2,000, upon which there was no insurance.

The March Term of the Circuit Court and Court of Oyer and Terminer for Westchester County commenced at the Court-house, White Plains, yesterday, before Hon. A. B. TAPPEN, of the Supreme Court, Presiding Justice, Hon. S. D. GIFFORD, County Judge, and two Justices of Sessions.

LONG ISLAND.

An indignation meeting was held at Hempstead, yesterday, to protest against the location of the Court-house at Mineola.

A Blackwell Island Bridge bill has been prepared, and is now in the hands of Senator COCK, who will introduce it in the Senate.

JANE WRIGHT, a colored woman, sixty years old, residing in Flushing, was, on Saturday night, burned to death through her clothes taking fire.

The Western Union Telegraph Company have concluded to extend their telegraph line, which now terminates at Flushing, to Port Jefferson, via Glen Cove, Huntington and Northport.

STATEN ISLAND.

Dr. S. O. VANDERPOEL, the newly-appointed Health Officer, visited the Quarantine grounds and hospitals yesterday.

Ground was broken yesterday at the Four Corners for the erection of a mammoth steam brewery which will cost, when completed, $300,000.

NEW-JERSEY.

There are now 528 prisoners in the Trenton State Prison.

A new lodge of Good Templars is about to be organized in Jersey City.

JOHN KENNEDY, an inmate of the Bloomfield Almshouse, was found drowned in the Morris Canal, near Belleville.

Rev. WM. H. CLARK, of New-York, has been called to the pastorate of the Broadway Reformed Church, Paterson.

The Jewish congregation at Elizabeth have purchased a lot on Elizabeth-avenue, and are about to erect a synagogue.

Yesterday afternoon JOHN AHMUTY, a resident of West Farms, was robbed of a horse and $20 in money in West Hoboken.

The colored residents of Jersey City are making arrangements for the celebration of the anniversary of the adoption of the Fifteenth Amendment.

The Midland Railroad Company has granted to the Jersey City Fire Department the use of their telegraph poles for the wires of the fire alarm telegraph.

The Newark water-works have been completed at a cost of $1,750 000. The works are capable of furnishing a supply of 10,000,000 gallons of water every twenty-four hours.

CARR and FINNEGAN, the two men arrested for the robbery of Mr. BANNISTER, of Newark, in his jewelry-store on the 22d ult., have been identified by Mr. DANIEL HAYWARD and Mr. JOHN MARTIN.

Mrs. MURPHY, living at No. 314 South Eighth-street, Jersey City, yesterday took by mistake a quantity of tincture of iodine instead of the medicine she was in the habit of using. The effects of the dose were serious, and may prove fatal.

The Supreme Court has set aside the verdict of $7,500 damages given to GERTRUDE HOAGLAND at New Brunswick last year, on the ground that the amount was exorbitant. Miss HOAGLAND was injured by the falling of a fence surrounding KELLY'S iron foundry.

The barn and outhouses of the pastorage of the Presbyterian Church at Kingston, Middlesex County, were destroyed by fire yesterday morning, consuming the buildings and the family carriage, sleigh, and horse of the pastor, Rev. DR. MANN. The loss is estimated at $1,300, and the fire is supposed to be the work of an incendiary.

The Havana Market.

HAVANA, March 4.—SUGAR dull, weak and unsettled; No. 12 Dutch Standard, 9⅜@9¾ reals ♦ arroba. EXCHANGE heavy; on the United States, sixty days, Currency 14@14¼ premium; do., sixty days, Gold 11¼@12¼ premium; Short Sight, 13@13½ premium; on London, 23¾@24¾ premium.

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